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Public Companies and Investments

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 4th of March, at 10 o'clock. SHARES for Town and Country.

THE AUTOMATIC ARMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1862 to 1890.

Share Capital £26,000

Debentures £4,000

DIVIDED PAYABLE

Ordinary A Shares of £5 ..... Issued £3,100

Ordinary B Shares of £1 .... £21,900

Mortgage Debentures, redeemable in September, 18 .... £4,000

Debentures at 6 per cent. £4,000

£1,000 Ordinary B Shares are reserved for Public Subscription. Payable as follo

5/- per Share on Allo

5/- " " 1st

10/- " " 24th

Messrs Woodall, Hebden, and Co., Scarborough, Messrs The Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, of Middlesbrough, are authorised to receive Applications for the above £1,000 Ordinary Shares.

DIRECTORS

JOHN WOODALL, Esq., Messrs W. HEBDEN, Esq., Messrs Hebden, and Co., Scarborough, Chairman. Edmund Backhouse, Esq., St John's House, Darlington. ..... Esq., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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AUDITORS.

Messrs W. B. PEAT, Esq., of Messrs R. Mackay and Co., London and Middlesbrough-on-Tees, Chartered Accountants.

BANKERS.

Messrs WOODALL, HEBDEN, AND Co., Scarborough.

The Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

REGISTERED OFFICES.

The Engine Works, Commercial-street, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

SECRETARY.

Mr EDMUND DOWKER.

PROSPECTUS.

The Company was incorporated in January, 1890, and commenced operations as from April 1st, 1890, with a capital of £3,100, as a small syndicate to work and develop the Harris Patents, Nos. 17,007**, 11,460**, for improvements in Coke "dead or extruded apparatus for the purposes of information, and for games of chance or for other purposes."

The result of the first half-year's working, as shown by the accountant's certificate below, shows a net profit of £1,145 11s. 11d. after deducting all expenses incidental to the formation of the business and in placing and fixing the 500 machines, together with the carriage thereon.

This profit is equal to a return upon the capital employed of 60 per cent per annum. With the increased machines the rate per cent of the profit on the B shares is not expected to be so large, but the directors confidently look for a very remunerative dividend.

No depreciation of the machines has been written off before arriving at the above profit, as they have been at short a time at work. All maintenance and repairs have been paid for out of revenue.

The accounts of the business for the half-year end 31st December, 1890, have been examined by Mr W. B. Peat, of Messrs R. Mackay and Co., of Middlesbrough and London, Chartered Accountants, who reports as follows:—

Messrs. Exchange, Middlesbrough, Jan. 1st, 1891.

Dear Sirs,—I have examined the books and accounts of the Company for the half-year ending 30th September, 1890, and I certify that, after deducting all working and business expenses, and after writing off the sum of £852 18s for the cost of placing the machines, a profit on the business for this period has amounted to £1,145 11d. I further certify that the total takings from the machines for this period amounted to £3,108 18s 9d, as returns faithfully.

W. B. PEAT, Chartered Accountant.

Arrangements of a satisfactory nature have been completed and are in active operation for placing machines on the following properties, and 760 machines are arranged and at work on these and other premises:—

Middlesbrough District Railway ..... Belfast and Northern Counties Railway.

London and South-Western Railway ..... Great Northern Railway of Ireland.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway ..... Isle of Wight Railways, Carlisle Joint Station.

Caledonian Railway ..... Brighton Pier.

Glasgow and South Western Railway ..... Blackpool Pier.

Midland Railway ..... Southport Pier.

London and South-Eastern Railway ..... Southsea Pier.

Lancashire Railway ..... Plymouth Pier.

The number of machines at work during each of the months ending 30th September, 1890, and the takings per machine were as appears on the following table:—

	Average Machines at Work.	Takings. £ s. d.
April	269	300 12 11
May	317	431 12 5
June	351	407 12 9
July	456	553 8 5
August	547	721 9 2
September	508	504 3 0
	2,522	3,108 18 9

Average per machine per month over the whole of the above six months ..... £1 4s 7d.

With 760 machines as the revenue on the above basis would have been at the rate of £5,605 for the half-year.

The increase of capital and the purchase of Mr Everitt's business, as referred to below, will enable the Company to acquire and place 1,000 Machines (including those taken over from Mr Everitt) in addition to the 760 already in operation, and as these are placed the revenue of the Company may be expected to proportionately increase.

The Company are interested in the foreign patents to Mr Harris to the extent of 25 per cent. of the profits, provided the Company exercises the option contained in the agreement dated 18th February, 1890. Profit from this source has been included in the above profits to the 30th September, 1890.

The foreign patents are believed to be of a very valuable character, and negotiations for the sale of the American patent for a large sum are in an advanced state.

The Directors, with the view of enlarging their operations, have thought it advisable to acquire the lease of No. 17,140 of 1889, in the possession of Mr Percival Everitt, they have, therefore, concluded negotiations with that gentleman for the purchase of his business, together with 600 Machines, and all the concessions, and rights in his possession in connection therewith. The Company have taken possession from Mr Everitt under patent No. 5,139 of 1890, but for any of the purposes of this Company, and have the right to grant sub-licenses, or dispose of the same in any way. This will destroy the only competition at any moment that the Directors foresee in the trade. The consideration payable to Mr Everitt is £10,000, being £6,600 in cash, and £3,400 in 1,700 fully paid £2 shares in the Company referred to on the last page of this Prospectus.

The Directors in concluding this purchase consider that the operations of the Company will be greatly enlarged and profits increased. The consideration under Mr Everitt are advantageous to the holders of his machines have shown such results which are in the opinion of the Directors satisfactory.

It will be seen that of the £11,900 Share Capital proposed to be raised £6,000 is payable to Mr Everitt, and the balance of £5,900 is available for the extension of the business and for working capital.

The A and B shares rank equally on the profits of the Company, but the A shares carry a preferential dividend of 10s. per share, and B shares a dividend is paid. After a payment of 10s. per share as a preferential dividend of 15% on all the A shares, the remaining profits are to be divided equally between the holders of the A shares and the holders of the B shares, one half of such surplus profits to each.

The Company have entered into the following contracts:—

1. Agreement, dated February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and the Company.

2. Agreement, dated February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and the Company.

3. Agreement, dated February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and W. L. Everitt and the Company.

4. Agreement, dated 20th January, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and W. L. Everitt and the Company.

5. Agreement, dated 24th January, 1890, assignment of Patents by Anthony Harris and the Company.

6. Agreement, dated February, 1890, assignment of Patents by Anthony Harris and the Company.

7. Agreement, dated October, 1890, assignment of Patents by Anthony Harris and the Company.

8. Agreement, dated November, 1890, agreement between Percival Everitt and the Company.

9. Agreement, dated December, 1890, License by Percival Everitt to the Company.

Copies of a large number of contracts and agreements relating to the working of the Company may be seen at the registered offices.

Applications will be deemed to have full notice of the contents, and to waive any further compliance with the Companies Act, 1867.

Applications for shares should be made on the accompanying Form of Application, and addressed to the Secretary, at the Engine Works, Commercial-street, Middlesbrough, or to the Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, Middlesbrough.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1891.

Education.

MR. HARRIS, A.C.O. — Lessons Organ, Pianoforte, Singing, Harmony. 38, St. Paul's-road, Middlesbrough.

MR. ADDINGTON.—Lessons on Pianoforte, Harmonium, and Organ: Harmony and Singing. Tuesdays, Middlesbrough.

LESSONS in Drawing and Painting by Miss ETTIE ENOTT, 115, High Albert-road, Scarborough.

MUSICAL ACADEMY, 35, Albert-road, Middlesbrough.—Principal: T. B. Parsons. Lessons for sale cheap. Mandoline, Piano, Banjo, &c.

Tenders.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.—Steam Sleeve Stone Thresholds, Kerbs, Landings, Steps from 2in. thick upwards; Steam Sawing, Stone Cisterns worked ready for fixing. Stone Merchant, New Cross-st., Darlington.

WILL & CO., BUILDERS' MERCHANTS, 5, ST. NICHOLAS BUILDINGS, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. TENDERS are invited for Portland Cement, Mastic, and Roofing Felt. Winter Hats. Tenders to be sent to Sole Agents for Crushed Grey Whinstone Quarries, Carlisle Plaister, Sandstone Flooring Tiles, Red and Pressed Bricks, Asphalt, &c. Stone to be cut to any size required on application. Telegraphic address, "Will, North Dispatch, No. 1,122. Telephone No. 1,122. Newcastle. Established 1854.

WILSON AND SMITH, CARRIAGE BUILDERS, Ormesby-road, MIDDLESBROUGH. Carriages, Lorries, Carts, &c., built to order. Repairs promptly executed. Harness, Rugs, Mats, &c., in Stock.

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MATRIMONIAL HERALD AND GENERAL MARRIAGE GAZETTE registers the most successful Matrimonial Agency, and is the original and sole recognised Medium for the Nobility, Gentry, and Commercial Classes. Advice GRATIS and BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK ABOUT MARRIAGE sent free 3d (secure in plain envelope, 4d) on receipt of stamps, by SAMUEL BARLOW, Chemist, Darlington, and sold by most Chemists in packets at 2s 9d, 1s 6d, and 1s 1d each.

Legal Notices.

WILLIAM HENRY FARMER, Deceased.—Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35.—Notice is Hereby Given, that all persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM HENRY FARMER, of 3, Commercial-street, Middlesbrough, Fireman, Deceased (who was drowned on the 11th January, 1891, by the wreck of the steamship Bear, of Middlesbrough), and letters of administration of whose personal estate were granted by the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the Second Day of February, to MARY ANN FARMER, of 31½, Brunswick-street, Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of Durham (the Lawful Widow and Relict of the said Deceased), are hereby required to send particulars of their Claims, in writing, to me, the undersigned, Solicitor for the said Administratrix, on or before the 31st day of March next. After which date the Administratrix will distribute the assets among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which she shall then have notice.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1891.

THOMAS WATSON, Solicitor,
2 17, Albert-road, Middlesbrough.

Public Notices.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION—From the Hartlepools, North Stockton, &c., to LEEDS on WEDNESDAY, March 4th. See bills. 3

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY. MARCH 4TH.

AN EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Loftus 1.25 p.m. (with bookings from Brotton, Saltburn, Redcar, South Bank, Middlesbrough, South Stockton, &c.) for LEEDS. For particulars see bills. 3

SOUTH BANK CHORAL SOCIETY. UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE. GRAND CONCERT OF HANDEL'S "JUDAS MACCABÆUS," In the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SOUTH BANK, On WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 4th, 1891, Solo Performers:

Soprano, MISS NAOMI HARDY, Of the London and Provincial Concerts;
Contralto, MISS HANNAH JONES, Gold Medalist, R.A.M.;
Tenor, Mr. HUMPHREYS,
Baritone, Mr. LUCAS WILLIAMS,
Parepa Rosa Gold Medalist, and Jos. Maas Scholar, R.A.M.

Bass, MR LUCAS WILLIAMS,
Crystal Palace and Royal Albert Hall Concerts.

Admission:—Reserved seats (numbered), 4s; Front seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s.

Doors open at 6.30; Concert to commence at 7.30 sharp. Trains to Middlesbrough, &c., and Redcar, &c., after Concert. 4

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ANNUAL TEA AND MEETING,

NEW TOWN HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, WEDNESDAY, March 18th.

Offers of Trays gratefully accepted.

Candidates for the Next Election must make immediate application.

J. HARGREAVES, Ironmonger, Corporation-road; or J. W. SCRAFTON, Woodlands-road, Local Secs. 4

MIDDLESBROUGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.—The Club year commences MONDAY, March 2nd. Ladies and gentlemen desirous of having swimming under professional tuition should give their names to Hon. Sec. Ladies' section, Miss Farrow, 56, Hartington-road; gentlemen's section, Mr M. Jefferson, 7, Grange-road West.

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down in the Firth of Forth on Sunday, January 11th, and as Widows and about thirty-eight Orphans of the crew left unprovided for, a large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a Fund for the relief of such of them as may in the opinion of the Committee be necessary to relieve.

Believing the object to be a thoroughly deserving one, the Committee earnestly hope that the public of Middlesbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Kirkwall will co-operate in carrying the movement to a successful issue.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by any of the Committee or by the undersigned.

M. G. COLLINGWOOD (Mayor), Treasurer.
ALFRED SCOTT, Honorary Secretary.
Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH. Every Evening during the Week, The New Burlesque, in Three Acts, entitled VENUS. Monday, March 9th, Carl Rosa Grand English Opera Company, including Miss Marie Roze, and other Celebrated Artistes, in CARMEN and other Operas.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—This Week—The Silver Banjo Band—Wright and Palmer's Quartette—Two Coloured Men: Miss Alice Dram, Jovial Joe Colverd, Mr J. H. Roberts, Brothers Hadley, Miss Blanche Palmara, Mr Arthur Reece; the "Facial King," John Croucher.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—New and Original Farcical Comedy, "OUR FLAT."

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Lambton-street (off Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—This week:—

HERCULES, Conqueror of Sandow, and SAMSON, the Two Strongest Men in the World. Mr J. P. BOSTON, the Big Bungle Character Comedian and Dancer; Miss ANNIE HOWIS, the Charming Serio and Burlesque Artiste; Mr D'ALTON, the Eminent Baritone Vocalist; Miss AMY DEWHURST, Serio-Comic Song and Dance Artiste; Messrs BRADY and JOHNSON, the Refined Comedy Sketch Artistes; THE LINDSAYS; MENOTTI, the Stockholm Wonder!

Dentistry.

TEETH EXTRACTED, MR BUCK, THE PEOPLE'S DENTIST, 9, East-street, and 35, Grange-road, Middlesbro'. 2

HUGHES, DENTIST, STOCKTON—Top of High-street. MIDDLESBROUGH—45, Newport-road. See Country Appointments in Friday's paper.

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Teeth from 3s 6d each. Sets from £4 4s warranted. Teeth extracted painlessly by Nitrous Oxide Gas, 5s.

MR FRAS. BONE, SURGEON DENTIST, 27, Corporation-road (Near New Town Hall), M'bro'. Artificial Teeth at charges to suit the means of all classes. Painless Extraction. Gold stopping. Best tooth. Fit and Comfort guaranteed. Country Patients attended at their own residences (by appointment) without extra charge. Reduction to Servants. Special attention given to those unfortunate enough to have badly fitting sets of Teeth. Success guaranteed.

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The Powders are sent, post paid, on receipt of letter stamps, by SAMUEL BARLOW, Chemist, Darlington, and sold by most Chemists in packets at 2s 9d, 1s 6d, and 1s 1d each.

Situations Vacant.

ADVERTISEMENTS INSERTED UNDER THIS HEADING AT THE FOLLOWING PREPAID RATES:—
16 words, 1 day, 6d.....3 days, 1s 3d.....6 days, 2s
24 words, 1 day, 9d.....3 days, 1s 9d.....6 days, 3s
This applies to "private" wants only of Servants, &c.

APPRENTICES Wanted to the Dressmaking immediately. Apply McLeigh, 11 and 13, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough. 3

AGENCY for Servants. Miss Wright. Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good situations.

AGENCY for Servants.—Miss Heyliar, 9, Bridge-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

AGENCY for Servants: Mrs Rudd, 33, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Moderate terms.

AGENCY for Servants: Mrs Hodgson, 131, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. Good situations.

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted; salary £104 per year; constant work; experience unnecessary. Pendlebury and Co., 82, Harwich-road, Colchester. 3

AGENTS.—Wanted, first-class Men only to push the "Scandinavia" Patent Cotton Machine Belting and Hose in the North-Eastern Counties. Address W. Willson Cobbett, 82, Southwark-street, London, S.E. 3

ANGLE Mill Roller.—Wanted, a good, steady Roller for 20in. Angle Mill; one accustomed to turning sections of ship and bridge-building iron. Apply Stockton Malleable Iron Co., Ltd., Stockton-on-Tees. 4

BANK Clerk.—Wanted, a thoroughly smart, well-educated Youth, about 20. Address, with full particulars, to T56, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

BLACKSMITH Wanted; must be good horse-shoer; constant work. Apply Geo. Headman, Smith, &c., Danby End, Grosmont.

BOOT Trade.—Wanted, young Lady as Learner. Apply Cash Boot Company, Spennymoor. 3

BOY (smart, active) Wanted. Apply E. Blakey and Sons, Yarm-lane, Stockton. 3

COOKS, Housemaids, and Generals Wanted at once. £10 to £20. Mrs Plume, 71, Linthorpe-rd., M'bro'.

COOK (plain) Wanted for Business House. Apply Housekeeper, Carter and Co., Stockton. 7

COOK (experienced) Wanted, age 25 to 30; assistance given. Mrs G. Pyman, Rose Bank, West Hartlepool.

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Men with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving full particulars, to Secretary, Great Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 7

CIVIL Service Appointments.—Salaries £70 to £400; tuition by correspondence; rapid postal preparation for Clerkships, Customs, &c.; no payment until successful; stamp. Secretary, 48, Linton-street, Islington, London. 2

CLERK.—Civil Service.—£70 to £400; ages 14 to 20; Lads under 20; private and postal classes now coming; exams.; largest staff and best results extant; 1,200 passes, 53 firsts ("Practical Guide" free). Write Mr Skerry, 67-69, Chancery-lane, London, W.C. 5

COUNTRY Girl, willing to milk or learn. Apply with particulars, Miss Wright, Derby House, Stockton. 2

DAY Girl (respectable) Wanted, age about 13. Mrs Hollings, Confectioner, Hartington-road, Stockton. 2

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, thoroughly experienced Bodice Hands. Apply Miss Hogg, Wycliffe, Darlington. 4

DRESS and Mantle Maker Wanted, must be efficient and practical. Address Box B, "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool.

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Miss Beckwith, 71, Vaughan-street, Middlesbrough.

DRAPERY.—Wanted, smart Junior Assistant for the Drapery Department; used to a pushing business. Apply at once A. Applegarth, South Bank, R.S.O.

DENTAL Pupil Wanted. Apply D. Sibson, L.D.S., Dental Surgeon, Hardwick House, Stockton-on-Tees. 4

DRAUGHTSMAN Wanted immediately; accustomed to making general and detail drawings of iron and steel bridge and pontoon work. Apply personally in the office of the Borough Engineer, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, Middlesbrough, between the hours of eleven and twelve a.m. 5

ESTON School Board.—Wanted, a Trained Certificated Assistant Teacher, salary £52 per annum; and Two Pupil Teachers, salaries £20, thoroughly qualified in Tonic Sol-fa and Kindergarten, and accustomed to infants' school, to commence duties 15th April. Applications, with copies of testimonials, to be sent to me on or before 23rd March. Appointments made on 26th. H. J. Parrington, Clerk to the Board, 7, Queen's-terrace, Middlesbrough.

GROCERY.—Wanted, good Junior for Trimdon Branch; must be able to take charge of a horse and cart occasionally. Apply personally to Anthony Hall, Bishop Auckland. 3

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Apply 3, Westbourne-street, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted; reference required. Apply 7, Dovecot-street, Stockton. 4

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good plain cook. Apply Mrs Hall, Cambridge-terrace, Norton. 2

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted; good references required. Mrs Dunhavand, The Park, West Hartlepool. 3

GENERAL Servant and Kitchenmaid Wanted. Apply Mrs Davison, Registry, 73, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to wash; another girl kept. Apply 25, Parliament-street, Stockton. 3

GENERAL Servant (experienced) who can undertake entire management. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's, Derby House, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted for Thornley Colliery Row; age not under 20. Apply Mrs Mowbray, Thornley. 3

GENERAL Servant Wanted, to sleep at home; wages 7s per week. Apply Lismey and Dickson, Middlesbrough. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted immediately; strong and fond of children. Apply 60, Gilkes-street, Middlesbrough. 4

GENERAL Servant (good, strong) Wanted; good wages given. Apply 65, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, about 20 to 24; must be able to wash and bake well; good wages to an experienced girl. Apply at the "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

GIRL (strong, respectable) Wanted, as Housemaid. Apply L. Mourin, Tanycoed, Park-view, Harrogate. 6

HATTERS.—Smart Junior Wanted. Apply Hutton and Hutton, High-street, Stockton. 3

HARMONIUMIST Wanted for St John's Church, South Bank. Apply Rev. R. Roberts, Stapylton Villas. 3

HOUSEMAID (experienced) Wanted at once; nurse-housemaid kept; country. A, "Gazette" Office, Guisborough. 3

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. County Registry Office, Station-road, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEMAID-WAITRESS (good) Wanted; good wages. Apply Mrs Lewis, Black Swan Hotel, Bedale. 4

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted, age about 40, for a Gentleman and family, to live in; comfortable home. Address; G23, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

HOUSEKEEPER-COOK Wanted; also, strong, steady Girl as Wardmaid; good wages. Apply Convalescent Home, Redcar. 3

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted, about 40, for Working Man with two children. Mrs Carr, 53, Sydney-street, Stockton. 2

HOUSEKEEPER (working) Wanted immediately, by Widower in business, three children, 8, 6, and 4 years; good home for suitable person; state age, wage, reference. J., 16, Cliff-street, Whitby. 6

HORSEKEEPER.—Wanted, Single Man, to act as Horsekeeper underground. Apply Castle Eden Colliery. 3

HOW To Make Money!—Write for samples and accept Agency for the Sale of Birks Bros.' wonderful Blending Dessert in England. Address Central Supply Stores, West Hartlepool.

KNITTING Machines.—Harrison Gold Medal Swift; Wanted, buying agents. Works: 48, Upper Brook-street, Manchester.

LADY.—Wanted, trustworthy Young Lady for Greengrocer's Shop; good reference required. Apply 45, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 4

MILLINER.—Wanted, an Improver to the Millinery. Apply J. Graydon, Tudhoe Grange, Spennymoor.

MAN.—Wanted, trustworthy, pushing Man to go with a volley and sell market produce; wages 25s week. Apply Riley, 65, Newport-road, M'bro'. 4

MILLINERY.—Wanted at once, an Improver to the Millinery. Apply Madame Hudson, 72, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 6

NURSE (experienced) Wanted; under nurse kept. Apply Mrs T. G. Jones, Guisborough. 2

NURSE (good) Wanted, about 18; must be fond of children, and of good character. Apply by letter, with references, to P6, "Gazette" Office, M'bro. 3

PERSON (respectable, young) as Cook Wanted; wages £18; nurse-housemaid kept. Apply The Oaks, West Hartlepool. 4

PURCHASING Agents Wanted in all towns in four Northern counties where not already represented; also, pushing Agents in collieries and districts in above-named circuit; we are prepared to arrange terms on exceptionally liberal basis. Apply Rudge Cycle Co., Limited, St. John's-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SERVANT.—Wanted at once, respectable, experienced General Servant; references required; good wages. Mrs Rickinson, Crasster-terrace, Coatham. 2

TO Saddlers.—Wanted, good General Hand or Improver. Apply Forsyth-on-Tees, Yarm. 2

TO PAINTERS.—Wanted, a first-class Writer and Grainer; constant work and good wage guaranteed. J. Boanson, 57, Church-street, West Hartlepool.

TO Tailors.—Wanted, good General Hand; weekly wages; references required. Apply John Wood, Tailor, Skelton, R.S.O. 7

TRAVELLER Wanted for the oil trade; must have experience and connection. State particulars to H.S., "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

WAITRESS. — Experienced Commercial-room Waitress Wanted. Apply, with references, Mrs Samuel, Station Temperance Hotel, West Hartlepool. 3

WORKING Housekeeper for Butcher Wanted immediately; wages £15. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's Agency, Stockton. 2

WORKING Housekeeper.—Respectable, middle-aged Person Wanted for working man. Apply, after 5 p.m. only, Geo. Appleton, 1, Walter-street, Yarm-road, Stockton.

YOUTH Wanted for an Office; must reside in Middlesbrough. Address B10, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

YOUNG Man (smart, active) Wanted, to assist in serving summonses. Apply, personally, at the High Bailiff's Office, County Court, Middlesbrough.

YOUNG Man Wanted for Drapery Department, not under 21 years of age, at 21s per week. Apply personally, with references, to the Committee of Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m. 2

£2 WEEKLY and upwards may be realised by either sex, without Risking present occupation. For samples, &c., enclose addressed envelope. Evans, Watts, and Co., P186, Merchants, Birmingham. This is genuine.

Situations Vacant.

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Situations Wanted.

BUTCHERING.—Situation Wanted by Young Man (19), respectable, steady; 5 years' experience. Address T29, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 7

SITUATION Wanted by domesticated young Woman as Nurse or any light work; 7 years' experience. Address C16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

SITUATION Wanted by Youth, age 14; honest, trustworthy, energetic. Address R20, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

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North-Eastern Daily Gazette.
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1891.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

It is too hastily assumed that no progress is being made with the *rapprochement* of France and Germany. The pessimist view now being taken is doubtless the outcome of the extravagant expectations formed in advance of the Empress Frederick's visit to Paris. When this visit was arranged many of the newspaper writers who applauded the project wrote as if the Dowager Empress had only to go to Paris to see and conquer. They spoke of her as the daughter of Queen Victoria, who is supposed to be a great favourite in France; as the widow of the Emperor Frederick, who as Crown Prince of Germany and of Prussia was popularly absolved from responsibility for the harsh and iron-heeled policy of Prince Bismarck as; the mother of a generous-minded Sovereign who had given the lead to the continental movement for the improvement of the condition of the working man, and who had lately spontaneously offered a hearty tribute to the brilliance of French art as represented by the late M. Meissonier. These sanguine-minded and imaginative writers, though told that the Empress's visit was entirely for the private purpose of purchasing rare and artistic furnishings for the new home she has built with part of the proceeds of a magnificent legacy bequeathed to her, persuaded themselves and sought to persuade others that the real object of the visit was political, and meant to pave the way for some sort of Franco-German understanding desired by the Emperor as a fresh security for continental peace. And now that they find that their own anticipations have not been realised, they leap to the conclusion that the mission has been a failure—nay, that as the result of Her Majesty's visit the French grievances against Germany have been revived and intensified. Now, it seems to us there is as little ground for their conclusions as there was for the extravagant expectations to which we have referred. It is true that the Presidential Court and the Republican aristocracy kept clear of Her Majesty, but there was no call upon them to offer her homage. She had gone to Paris unasked, and practically unofficially announced. She was the bearer of no political mission. She was as a private patron of art and invited or suggested the representation of French work at the forthcoming Exhibition in Berlin, and purchased a large store of artistic treasures. If the official relations of France and Germany had been extremely cordial—if there had been no danger that official courtesy would have been regarded and denounced by the political opponents of the Government as a fawning deference, the Chief Magistrate and the Ministers of the Republic would doubtless have gladly and fittingly paid their respects to the Dowager Empress. But because they did not ostentatiously offer homage to a private visitor, they are not therefore fairly chargeable with a deliberate intention to insult the mother of the Emperor of Germany and the whole German people. What is really noteworthy and what is really encouraging is that the Empress Frederick has had the courage and good feeling to visit the French capital, and that the Parisians have, with the exception of a few frothy and excitable agitators and irreconcilables, treated her with a remarkable amount of respect. The Boulangists and other bee-headed agitators have endeavoured to find an opportunity to advertise their skin-deep patriotism by denouncing the visit as something akin to an outrage, and by preaching the doctrine of no reconciliation. But the more active these troublers of the peace make themselves as the denouncers of the idea of a *rapprochement* with Germany, the more careful will reputable Frenchmen be to keep themselves free from even the suspicion of connection with the anti-German agitation.

The Empress's visit has given rise to much speculative discussion as to the amount of the purchase money that would be required to induce France to accept alliance with her conqueror. In the first place, however, it is proper to bear in mind that the Emperor William is really under no political necessity to seek the goodwill of France. He is a lover of peace—a dreamer of a coming Continental millennium—as well as a practical soldier. But apart from this love of peace, which is surely eminently creditable to a young Sovereign trained and skilled in the art of war, and apart from his Socialist aspirations, which should and do command for him the sympathy of working men in every country in Europe, His Majesty is at the present moment under no special political call to coquet with the French Republic and people. His alliance with Austria and Italy has been practically reconfirmed, and his relations with the Czar are, to outward appearance, more friendly than they have ever been before. The idea which is being circulated by the Bismarckians, that the Emperor and his Empire are beginning to stagger under the weight of their responsibilities now that the brawny shoulders of the ex-Chancellor have been removed from underneath the burden, is obviously as much a vain imagination as the expectation entertained and proclaimed by the premature applauders of the Empress Frederick's visit to Paris. Neither the police nor the Government of the young

COLLAPSE OF AN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

The Maryport Hematite Iron and Steel Company have suspended payment, and the books have been placed in the hands of an accountant. The liabilities are not stated.

WINDFALLS TO THE CROWN IN 1890.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—In compiling our 1891 edition (just published) of index to advertisements for next-of-kin and claimants to estates it struck us as very remarkable that during the past year the Crown should have to advertise for claimants to the following estates in consequence of the next-of-kin not being forthcoming to claim their inheritances, viz.:—

Baker, C. Mrs. Middlesex. Kirkby, Ann, Surrey.
Bennett or Darrow, Susannah, Surrey. Lawson, Mary, Newcastle.
Brown, Robert, London. McDonald, Bridget, Yorks.
Carney, Elizabeth, Middlesex. Middleton, Louisa, Wavedon.
Cowgill, Robt. Middlesex. Mills, Caroline, Bristol.
Cowgill, Robt. Middlesex. Minto, Andrew, Tavistock.
Cowgill, died abroad. Morrison, J. & C.
Cowgill, Middlesex. Molloy or Mullens, Jane.
Cowgill, died abroad. Murdock, James, seaman.
Cowgill, Mrs. C., died abroad. Neale, H. A., Surrey.
Cowgill, Mary, Yorks. Oddy, James, Middlesex.
Cowgill, Susan, M'sex. Overend, Lucy, Yorks.
Cowgill, Elizabeth, Kensington. Peoly, Mary Ann, Dunstable.
Cowgill, Elizabeth, Middlesex. Reade, E., died abroad.
Cowgill, Marcella, Sutton. Rowley, Joseph, Middlesex.
Cowgill, Mary Ann, M'sex. Smith, William, Sheffield.
Cowgill, Mary, Sussex. Stacey, Sarah Jane, M'sex.
Cowgill, S. E., Sussex. Taylor, John, Sissm.
Cowgill, died abroad. Twells, John, Chatham.
Cowgill, Wm., Middlesex. Wilks, J. T., died abroad.
Cowgill, Elizabeth, Chester. Wilson, Eliza, Middlesex.
Cowgill, Elizabeth, Surrey. Wintrim, Jane, Shields.
Cowgill, Franziska, Lettsia, Surrey.

It may interest your readers to know that these claims can be recovered upon the rightful claimants appearing. The amounts are not stated in the official advertisements, but we would suggest that in the future the amounts unclaimed should be given as in the official lists of persons dying in the Colonies and India. It is not long since £100,000 respectively were the amounts of which claimants were wanted.—We are, sir, your obedient servants,

F. H. DOUGAL AND CO.

Unclaimed Money Registry, 62, Strand, London, 26th February, 1891.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

LOSS OF AN ATLANTIC LINER.

The steamer Pennland has arrived at New York with reports having passed on February 22nd the British steamer Iowa showing signals of distress. The crew were taken off by the British steamer Circe. The Iowa had struck an iceberg, and was in a sinking condition. The Iowa was bound from Antwerp for Liverpool. She was a four-masted iron screw steamer of 4,329 tons gross, built in the year 1879, and owned in Liverpool, and had left 705 and 1,000 cattle on board.

REPORTED LOSS OF 27 VESSELS AND 300 LIVES.

The Belize has arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu brought the extraordinary story of the destruction of vessels in a hurricane, and 300 lives. No particulars are at present obtainable.

A VESSEL AND FIVE HANDS LOST.

The British steamer Dorian has arrived at New York from Jamaica, having sever survivors of the British barque lost during a hurricane on Caycos Islands, West Indies. The captain, named Wilson, the first and second mates, and two seamen were drowned.

A NORWEGIAN BARQUE ABANDONED.

Lloyd's has received the Norwegian barque Sigurd landed at Liverpool the captain and eight of the crew, in mid Atlantic, of the Norwegian barque Elise, abandoned on a voyage from Belize to Liverpool, February 17th. The captain of the Sigurd reports that his first officer was washed overboard.

MINERS' MASS MEETING AT THORNLEY.

MORE ABOUT THE PITMEN'S HOMES.

Another of the series of meetings just now being held in connection with the agitation for arousing the attention of the authorities to the deplorable condition of the colliery villages and the insanitary dwellings in South-East Durham, took place on Saturday afternoon, the *locale* of the gathering being Thornley, which has been described—evidently with a considerable amount of truth—as

ONE OF THE WORST FIT VILLAGES

in the county of Durham. Its position on the map is about halfway between Hartlepool and Sunderland, the village standing about two miles west of Murray railway station. Mr John Fleming, of Thornley, presided over the gathering, which assembled in the Robin Hood Inn, and delegates from the Eldon, Trimdon, Castle Eden, Ludworth, Shotton, Monkwearmouth, Sherburn Hill, Trimdon Castle Eden, North Biddick, Haswell, Wheatley Hill, Thornley, Thrislington, and Ludworth, were represented.—The CHAIRMAN said that Thornley was decidedly one of the worst villages in this county. (Hear, hear.) Not one of the sewage drains were open, and not the end of every row of houses there was a collection of filth, the stench from which would

CONSTITUTE A TENEMENT OF SOLDIERS,

let alone ordinary individuals. (Hear, hear, and laughter.—Mr GEO. Thrislington, in a few telling sentences, moved the first resolution, demanding a remedy for the existing shameful state of things. Everything about the colliery, he said, had progressed except the villages where the men who produced the wealth had to live. It was a shame that not only sood still, but had gone backwards. He not only point to the place in which they were living as a conclusive proof of what he said. (Applause.) The condition of Thornley, which was positively shocking, was only a sample of what prevailed in most of the other colliery villages. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. T. PEASE had helped them a good deal, and it deserved their thanks—(hear, hear)—but he would have to stick together and fight this matter out for themselves. It was no use looking to the Duke (hear, hear). All they cared for was their 25 or 30 per cent. for the capital which those who made it for them were

TREATED LIKE MACHINES.

(Hear, hear.) A rabbit coursing or a football match was not quite good enough for them. (Laughter.) But he hoped the men in the West end of the dale as well as those in the east, would take warning. (Hear, hear.) The subject should not be allowed to rest and not only kept alive walking but made to dance through the country. Mr PARK ROPER, a veteran, who said he had worked in the pit himself for 50 years, and was now 51, seconded the resolution. Referring to Thornley, he said that the company like that owning the colliery could, in addition to putting down their profits, do something to make respectable and healthy the houses the miners lived in, instead of allowing them to make their wealth. (Applause.) He had in mind there was a certain amount of responsibility attaching to those who acquired

WEALTH THROUGH SQUALOR AND DIRT.

(Hear, hear.) Where the habitations were bad, and in a few, unwholesome and insanitary, those who owned them ought to be compelled to do them up. (Hear, hear.) Such places as they had at Thornley and elsewhere would not be tolerated in the towns. (Applause.) The miners were the present disgraceful state of things and must now bestir themselves.

[CONTINUED TO THE "NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE."]

THE SILKSWORTH STRUGGLE.

MASS MEETINGS OF MINERS.

The excitement at Silksworth has subsided somewhat owing to the evictions being postponed to the 16th inst., and the place is now an object of attention by the curious, who yesterday flocked over in hundreds to view the work of the emergency men in the shape of broken windows and doors. The chapels with their stocks of furniture were also well inspected. Nearly all the space in them is occupied by the property of the evicted miners, even the pulpits being turned to advantage. Every description of household goods, chests of drawers, beds, tables, chairs, clocks, and even books and plants have beenlodged in these places of security, while a couple of watchers are placed on duty to see that nothing is stolen. A quantity of the furniture is also being housed in a temporary shed, from the summit of which the Union Jack floats proudly. Several bands paraded the village, while the inevitable street singers, armed with discordant banjoes and concertinas, shrieked of the cruelties of the "Dirty Candymen" with varying success. These obnoxious evictors, it may be mentioned, were marched from Candy Hall to Sunderland early on Saturday, and from thence were sent pitched to their homes. The police are lodging with the deputies, while the evicted tenants find an open house with those neighbours who have yet to receive the honour of eviction.

EXPLAINING THE SITUATION.

A mass meeting of miners was held at Silksworth yesterday afternoon, about 4,000 men being present from Silksworth and other collieries.—The PRESIDENT OF THE LODGE (Mr Storey), who was in the chair, denied that they were attempting to coerce the deputies. They were simply fighting for what their forefathers fought years and years ago—the principle of the right of combination. (Applause.) They looked upon this as a direct attack by the Coalowners' Association upon the constitution of the Durham miners, and they contended that it was not right that any number of men should be as an instrument against the workmen. It was not a fight between the Coalowners' Association and the miners; it was a fight between man and man. He had read that the coalowners of Northumberland were condemning the action of the coalowners of Durham. (Loud applause.) They said that the measures of the Durham Coalowners' Association were too strong and too severe, and recalled to them the action at Crauglington in 1865. That cost the Coalowners' Association something like £50,000, but what the action at Silksworth would cost not one of them could tell. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. SAMUEL STOREY moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting, while admitting the legal right of Lord Londonderry to evict the workmen from their houses, condemns such action as morally indefensible and as opposed to all the dictates of humanity, and that it strongly recommend the Silksworth men and their sympathisers not to mark their condemnation of such action by any breach of the peace."—Mr JAMES LAVERICK, in seconding the resolution, said the men were winning all along the line, and if they kept the peace they would be right in the day. (Applause.) He saw that Mr Fenton had denied using certain bad language. Mr Palmer was there. Was it correct or not?—Mr PALMER: It is correct.—Was it correct that Mr Hoton said he would be no more before he did a certain thing?—Mr PALMER: It is correct. — Well, he (the speaker) would believe Mr Palmer.—The resolution was then carried.—The CHAIRMAN said that when he and others were over in Ireland, and were making their statements before Mr Mundella, he sat at the right hand of Mr Fenton, who kept writing what was said by each speaker. Against some of their statements he wrote "Not true," but at the end they challenged him to say what was not true, and he never said a word.—Mr MOULD moved, "That this meeting strongly deprecates the present position of affairs at Silksworth, and holds the Coalowners' Association responsible for the strained relations that now exist consequent on their refusal to accept the fair and reasonable offer made by the men to their Urgency Committee on the 19th ult., and subsequently by Dr. Shadforth, Mayor of Sunderland." He said the Marquis of Londonderry said he was in the hands of the Coalowners' Association. Well, they were in the hands of the Durham Miners' Association, and if the same action had to be pursued at other collieries as at Silksworth they would have 5,500 men looking idle because of the action they would not allow. (Applause.)—Mr ROBINSON (assistant secretary), in seconding the resolution, said his own opinion was that all deputies should be members of the Miners' Association. (Applause.) If they were to have freedom of contract it could only be obtained by the owners being on one side and labour on the other, and when certain sections of workmen went into the hands of the employers they would be of no assistance in bringing about freedom of contract.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and the meeting ended.

THE DEPUTIES' SIDE OF THE CASE.

A Silksworth deputy, interviewed on the subject of the present deadlock, said the deputies would not be forced into the Miners' Association. They were better off outside it. Asked how this was, he replied: "When the Miners' Association apply for advances they apply as for one class, and we benefit more from our society. To show you how true this is, when the last 10 per cent. advance was given to the Miners' Association we got 20 per cent.; when the last adjustment of time was made we were the only class of labour men to get our hours reduced, and when the men of the Federation Board got their hours shortened they had to suffer a proportionate reduction of wages. Had we been under the Federation Board we would have suffered the same, but we got the reduction of time and our wages remained the same. We then made an application to the Coalowners' Association for 6d per day advance after the hours question had been settled, and we got 3d extra, that being equal to 7½d more than the others got. Besides, the deputies could not be expected to do the same duties as the others. There should be a confidence in them on the part of the masters." The deputy further said that he believed foreigners would be brought over to work the pit. If the manager could not get them from the South of England they were going to bring Germans and Belgians there.

"GIVE THE STRIKE POLICY A REST."

Mr Michael Davitt has the following note in Saturday's *Labour World*:—Let us give the strike policy a rest is a sentiment which finds expression in the thoughts of many men in the works of many of the best and truest friends of the labour cause. The strike policy we hold has become a blunted weapon in the contest with capital. It has been too frequently employed of late, and is in danger of becoming a boomerang, unless it is put on one side for a time. This course will be the wisest and best in the interest of the cause which strikes are meant to serve. Two years' steady work of organisation and the building up of financial resources would do fifty times more towards securing ultimate victory over the enemies of labour than a single action of the strike policy could possibly achieve now.

HOW A STRIKE FUND MIGHT HAVE BEEN FORMED.

On Saturday a miners' mass meeting was held in the Robin Hood Inn, Thornley, Mr John Fleming, of Thornley presiding. Thirteen collieries were represented, including Silksworth, Leitch, Littleton, Monkwearmouth, Sherburn Hill, Trimdon, Castle Eden, North Biddick, Haswell, Wheatley Hill, Thornley, and Ludworth. At the preliminary meeting, which was open to delegates only, the Silksworth question came up upon the reading of a letter from the secretary of one of the lodges, in which letter a strong expression of regret was made at the failure of the different collieries to act together when the first intimation of evictions was received.—Mr T. H. CANN, of Castle Eden, said the mistake arose in not having a proper understanding. Their colliery came out as a protest against the

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of turning unoffending women and children from their homes, and so far as he was concerned he thought that feeling was general, and would have been acted upon.—Mr PETER ROPER, Haswell, pointed out that the step it was expected they should have taken was illegal. They knew the line of action whereabouts, and they might have been sure that the threats would be carried out. What they should have done, then, was to have given fourteen days' notice, so that they would have been in a position to turn out in a body legally as soon as the evictions commenced. (Hear, hear.)—Mr CANN replied that the inhuman proceedings at Silksworth justified the men, in his opinion, in coming out at once. (Applause.)—Ludworth and Sherburn Hill delegates, however thought the men could best support their unfortunate brethren at Silksworth by remaining at work.—Mr J. B. GRAY, Eldon, proposed with this view. It was, he thought, the most prudent course, as the men could then send in their subscriptions to aid their comrades at Silksworth. (Hear, hear.)—Mr CANN said his lodge felt so strongly on the subject that it intended to withdraw from those meetings, seeing that the aggression of one section of workmen not adhered to.—One or two other delegates gave similar notice.—Mr LEE, Thrislington, pointed out that these meetings were not called for the purpose of dealing with labour questions, and the mistake was in introducing such subjects at all. (Hear, hear.) The meetings were called for a specific purpose, and he would move that no question be introduced in future that had not previously been before the different lodges, and was properly entered upon the programme. (Applause.)—Mr DARBY, Trimdon, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—The CHAIRMAN said it had been his intention to suggest that in future every miner throughout the county should contribute once a year a day's pay—say 5s—in order to establish a fund for strikes and lock-outs. This would produce a sum of £12,000 a year, and if it had been done a few years ago, and the money had been properly invested, they might now have had

A STRIKE FUND OF £250,000.

Had they possessed a fund of that kind there would have been no Silksworth evictions. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The resolution just passed prevented him making the proposal, but it might go to the different lodges to consider. (Hear, hear.) The meeting was then declared open, and the business for which it had been convened proceeded with.

THE POSITION OF THE DEPUTIES.

Subsequently our representative was told by two deputies from one of the collieries represented at the meeting that all this class of workmen at Rainton Pit had decided to throw in their lot with the men, who would, along with the Seaham Harbour men, come out at the end of this week, if the Silksworth dispute was not in the meantime settled. The deputies at Ryhope, they stated, had also decided to join the union. In their opinion the deputy could in no sense be considered an official. There was the viewer, the under-viewer, or manager, the overmen, the back overmen, the master stonemen, and the master waterlmen. They were officials, but not the deputies who, they alleged, had to work as hard as, and frequently much harder than, any man who entered the pit. Besides, by belonging to the Union they had participated in the various advances in wages gained by the Union, which men, like the back overmen, who really were officials, had not, and now their pay was more and their hours less than the back overman's. "And yet," added one of the deputies, with a smile, "we are assured by the masters that our position would be much better if we did not belong to the Union. When we are told that we smile and think of the back overmen."

WHAT IS A CANDYMAN?

"A Lover of Justice" writes:—"In your issue of the 27th I note a very interesting contribution on the Silksworth dispute. Your correspondent mentions a strike which he supposes happened about 1832. I really started in 1831 and lasted till 1832. Also he uses two names as main supporters, &c., of the men—viz., Hebburn and Rudd. But there were three, the additional one being Henry Nicholson, who played, indeed, a very noble part."

COLLIERY WARNING.

The anti-cyclone distribution of pressure, which has governed the weather of the British Isles for an unusually long period, seems to be about being dispersed with the arrival of disturbances on the western coasts. Miners will do well, therefore, to watch the movements of any gas which may have accumulated.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED.

BRAVE ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE

At Little Lever, near Bolton, yesterday two brothers named Nathaniel and Robert Wilcox were drowned. Nathaniel ventured on the River Irwell on a raft, which capsized, and Robert, aged 14, the younger of the two, made a gallant but fruitless attempt at rescue. Robert was got to the bank unconscious by a man who swam out to him, and Nathaniel's body was recovered, but efforts at resuscitation in both instances were unsuccessful.

EXCITING SCENE AT MONTE CARLO.

BREAKING THE BANK.

An exciting scene was witnessed by the occupants of the gambling rooms at Monte Carlo on Saturday. A visitor from London had extraordinary luck, and won in succession fourteen maximum stakes of 12,000 francs, in all nearly £7,000, at one of the *trente-et-quarante* tables. He thus accomplished the feat known as breaking the bank, and when he had cleared the table and the croupiers were obliged to seek the cashier for more funds to pay the player, the excitement was unbounded, the people round the table cheering heartily at this signal defeat of the enemy

SUICIDE OF A SOLDIER.

Corporal Ginn, of the 17th Lancers, shot himself dead this morning at Shorncliffe camp with the Martini-Henri rifle. He had been twenty-four years in the regiment.

GREAT STRIKE AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

2,000 SHIPBUILDERS OUT.

A large number of platers and others in the employ of Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Middlesbrough, have come out on strike to-day upon a dispute of a rather complicated character. The firm reduced the rates of pay by weight in piecework upon plates which were of increased thickness, and this the men have objected to. On the other hand, there are plates also in use which are of extra thinness, and the men raise a kind of counterclaim, that as each of these plates requires the same amount of work from them as the heavier ones they should have an increase in the rate of pay per cwt. The firm, while agreeing to put the men on time with regard to the heavier plates, declined to concede any alteration of the conditions with reference to the lighter ones. The men have refused to accept these terms, which, they contend, would entail considerable loss to them, and intimated that if they were not paid according to what they deemed to be just rates they would strike work. Their contention was not conceded, and to-day the men have not gone back to work, and the works are laid idle, some 2,000 men being affected. A considerable proportion of the employees are members of the Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' Association, in connection with which meetings are being held to-day to consider the question.

We have received from Sir Raylton Dixon and Co. the following statement of the dispute:—We have not asked for any reduction of prices, but the platers affected have demanded an increase on the standard list price which rules in the district, and on which we have been working for many years past. The men in question, seven in number, commenced the work on the cook casings of two ships, and when they had done the heavy plates refused to complete their contract without an advance on the timber plates, which they considered a poorly paid job. On refusing to comply with this these men without notice left their work on the 9th February, and we accordingly retained what money we had in hand as guarantee until the work was completed by apprentices. In further conference with the men we absolutely declined to advance any list prices unless others which are admittedly excessive were correspondingly reduced, and on the local committee demanding the advance without reducing the others there was nothing left for us but to strictly adhere to the list as it exists. To-day we say that these men are not supported in their action by the General Committee of the Boilermakers' Association, and consequently the conduct of the other platers and riveters and caulkers who have ceased work to-day without notice, in order, as they say, to support the others is all the more indefensible. All that we want to do is to abide by the present list prices as agreed by both parties some time ago. We may add that since Friday last even the apprentice platers have been taken off their work and duties by the other men, all of which steps we regard as absolutely illegal.

MESSRS COCHRANE, GROVES, & CO.'S WORKMEN.

The notices given by Messrs Cochrane, Groves, and Co., of the Ormesby Foundry, Middlesbrough, for a 5 per cent. reduction in the wages of all grades of workmen in their employ, to the number of about 1,000, have been withdrawn. A deputation from the workmen had an interview with their employers, and after the matter had been pleasantly discussed, the masters agreed to suspend the notices for a month, in order to see whether trade improves in the meantime.

The Cast Steel Foundry on the Marshes, at Middlesbrough, was closed with the end of last week, and all the hands employed discharged. The works, which are also known as the Rosebery Works, are not of great extent.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACEMEN'S STRIKE.

MORE FURNACES TO BE RESTARTED

Extensive preparations are being made at Dixon's Govan ironworks for opening more furnaces, and it is asserted that No. 1 furnace will be relighted early next week. A considerable quantity of extra bedding material and provisions have been conveyed into the works, and it is evident that the officials are preparing for a protracted siege. Some of the new hands are getting better acquainted with the working of the furnaces, which are yielding a profitable return. It is stated to-day that any Poles have entered the works since the two who were first employed were captured by the picket. The officials are confident that they will be able to secure a sufficient number of non-union men from some of the districts in Ayrshire, and they have under consideration the advisability of relighting a fourth furnace. The men on strike continue to be enthusiastic, and picketing is still being actively engaged in. No further removals have taken place from Schoolmaster, Govanhill. At Coatbridge on Friday night Messrs Vickers and Wallis, of the National Association of Blastmen, paid the men at Gartsherrie, Calder, Langloan, and Summerlee their twentieth weekly ailment. The amount spent since the commencement of the strike is now over £12,000. Mr Wallis impressed upon the men the necessity of still keeping together. They had no fear of the threatened evictions. He was instructed by the Executive to tell the men that as the Association had all along provided a loaf of bread they would now see that a roof was got to shelter them.

Darlington Fent Store Company's system of business is to supply goods at 20 per cent. below any other house in the North. Plushes, Velvets, Trimmings, and Dress Silks at half-price. Tweeds at 1s per yard upwards. This is guaranteed; in proof write to see address.—ADVT.

Buy Pilcher's new Ties, New Hats, &c.; new goods and novelties arriving daily. Best is cheapest. 27, Linthorpe-road.—ADVT.

Set the cheap Ironmongery, Jewellery, Brushes, Perfumery, &c., at Scorer's Sale; 5s in the £ saved. 91, Newport-road, Middlesbrough, 94, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

THE WEDDING RING.—When bought at Collingwoods', the old-established firm, the purchaser receives a handsome present.—ADVT.

If your Watch Stops take it to Collingwoods', when you may rely on having it made right. Repairs cheaply, quickly, and well done.—ADVT.

HAVE YOU A COUGH?—Apply at once an ALLCOCK'S PLASTER.—ADVT.

ATTENDED EXECUTIONS FOR SIXTY YEARS.

The death occurred this morning of Mr Alfred Clyatt, who since 1830 had been the accredited reporter for the London Press at the Old Bailey Sessions. He had attended nearly every execution within the home circuit for the last sixty years, and was only refused admission in the case of Mrs Pearcy.

THE ASTON MANOR VACANCY.

Already both candidates for the vacancy in the representation of Aston Manor, caused by the death of Mr Kynoch, in the Transvaal, have arrived in the constituency, and work has already commenced, though the addresses of the candidates, Captain Grice Hutchinggon (C) and Mr Phipson Beale, Q.C., (L), will not be issued till after the funeral of the deceased member, which is expected to take place to-morrow at Johannesberg.

THE DEATH OF A WHITECHAPEL WITNESS.

At the inquest in London to-day on the body of Charles Cruiver, aged 34 years, lately acting as night watchman at a common lodging - house in White's - row, Spitalfields, who died suddenly on Wednesday last, it was shown that death was due to apoplexy, accelerated by excitement. Deceased was one of the principal witnesses in the enquiry into the circumstances attending the murder of Frances Coles in Swallow-garden's, and had suffered from pains in his head since he identified the body.

MESSRS DILLON AND O'BRIEN'S RECOGNISANCES.

The Dublin Exchequer Division on Saturday gave judgment in the matter of the recognisances of Messrs Dillon and O'Brien, which came before them on a case stated by the magistrates at Tipperary when they ordered the recognisances be estreated. Both gentlemen were bound, during the hearing of the charges, in two sureties of £250 each, to appear at the adjourned sitting of the court, and when the magistrates made an order to estreat, counsel on their behalf argued that the recognisances had been discharged by the swearing of the charge against them since the adjournment, and were consequently not bound to attend. The Court of Exchequer now held that the magistrates were right in estreating the recognisances, but that in the case of Mr O'Brien, in consequence of the omission of the word "each" in the recognisable, only one surety of £250 should be estreated.

A CHESTER-LE-STREET LIBEL ACTION.

At the Durham Assizes to-day, before Mr Justice Smith, Dr. David Pinero, Medical Officer of the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority, brought an action against Peter Hay, draper, Chester-le-Street, and a member of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, for libel. Mr Waddy, Q.C., M.P., and Mr Strachan for the plaintiff, and Mr Walton, Q.C., and Mr Chitty for the defendant. The plaintiff for some years practised at Chester-le-Street, where the defendant also carried on a business. Until two or three years ago the plaintiff and the defendant were on terms of intimacy for several years. At the time of the first County Council election the defendant was a candidate, but was defeated, and it was alleged on behalf of the plaintiff that from that time he had sought in various ways to injure the reputation of the plaintiff. At a meeting of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, the defendant made a statement to the effect that the plaintiff, who as well as occupying the position of Medical Officer, was also colliery doctor for several large collieries, had failed to report several cases of typhoid fever, and he had also neglected to inform the Board of the unsanitary condition of some of the villages, and had generally hushed matters up. This was the libel complained of.

[Proceeding.]

TEES CONSERVANCY COMMISSION.

THE SALE OF SALT.

Mr T. Hugh Bell presided this morning at the monthly meeting of this Commission He explained at the outset that the committee appointed at last meeting had an interview with Sir Michael Hicks-Beach as representing the Crown, and an agreement had been come to between them as to the terms on which the Commissioners could sell the salt underlying the reclaimed foreshore, one-third of which belonged to the Crown. Negotiations were on foot which would when completed lead to the letting of this salt deposit. The award of the Commission appointed to settle the terms on which a portion of the foreshore could be sold to Lord Bolckow, Vaughan, was given, and the terms agreed on terms which were satisfactory to the Tees Commissioners.—The graving dock revenue for three months ending 31st January was reported at £570 0s 3d, being from 12 vessels of 17,500 tonnage; as compared with £770 8s 4d received from 20 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 20,150 in the corresponding period of last year.—The question was raised as to the charges to be made in future for towage services applied for and afterwards rendered by the steam tugs of the Commissioners, and it was resolved that in future when the steam tugs of the Commissioners are employed assisting vessels in danger or distress in the River Tees the charges to the owners of the vessels be based upon the actual cost or loss incurred by such respective service.—The secretary reported that the South Stockton Local Board wished to send a deputation respecting public landing stages in the River Tees, and it was ordered that the matter should stand over till the next meeting. Mr Watchson, who is chairman of the committee who have the matter in hand.—The secretary was requested to endeavour to arrange an efficient mode of communication between the South Gare Breakwater, the Graving Dock, and Middlesbrough at all hours of the night for use in calling the lifeboat in case of shipwreck, &c.—An application from the National Lifeboat Institution for the lightkeepers at the South Gare breakwater to be allowed to act as signalmen in case of shipwreck was granted.—The Engineer reported that it would not be advisable to construct a temporary deep water berth at Stockton, and recommended that a deep water berth be formed at the south side of the river at an estimated cost of £5,000. It was resolved, on the recommendation of the Works Committee, that the report and estimate be referred back to the engineer for him to consider whether a modified scheme could not be carried out at a reduced cost sufficient to meet the trade of the port of Stockton, the work to be carried out so as to enable the berth to be extended at some future time if found necessary. Plans submitted by the Middlesbrough Corporation for the reconstruction of the ferry-boat landings at Middlesbrough and Port Clarence were not approved because the proposed landings would project a considerable distance from the line of the means of endangering navigation.—The Engineer was directed to confer with the Borough Engineer of Middlesbrough with a view to a modified scheme being brought forward at next meeting, and the Corporation were to be requested to take out a joint license for the respective ferry landings.—It was agreed that two additional dolphins should be placed at Stockton for mooring purposes.—It was stated that 111,513 tons had been dredged from the river during January, as compared with 71,350 tons in January last year. It was ordered that for the next twelve months the dredging returns be prepared on the basis of a calculation made upon the number of tons and number of cubic yards of material dredged, so as to obviate the adding of water along with the material calculated in the return.

THE FEBRUARY IRON AND STEEL SHIPMENTS.

The monthly returns of the amount of iron and steel shipped from the Tees during the past month are just published by the Custom authorities. As was generally anticipated from reports published in the interim, they present an exceedingly pleasing contrast with those of the preceding month, being about a record for that particular month of the year, while those of January, owing to the closing of the continental rivers by the phenomenally cold weather, and the Scotch rail strike, were very low The strike of the Scotch blast-furnacemen, and the consequent closing of nearly all the Scotch blastfurnaces, has made its effect felt on the shipments, the pig iron going northward being double the amount in January, or in the corresponding month last year—in fact, the largest on record. The total increase over January is nearly 40,000, and over the corresponding month of last year 12,000 tons. The Scotch demand took 37,432—more than half the total shipments—and the increase was entirely in pig iron, there being a decrease in manufactured iron. The effect of the strike is shown to have materially benefitted this district. Appended are the tabulated returns:—

COASTWISE.

Destination.	Pig Iron. Tons.	Iron. Tons.	Steel. Tons.	Total. Tons.
Scotland	37,432	.. 63	.. —	37,495
Ireland	3,745	.. 55	.. 4,645	8,445
Newcastle	2,563	.. 80	.. —	2,643
Other ports	1,445	.. 5,315	.. 2,165	8,925
Total coastwise	44,585	.. 6,561	.. 6,810	57,956

FOREIGN.

France	5,505	.. —	.. —	5,505
Holland	5,703	252	.. 10	5,965
Belg um	2,592	.. —	.. —	2,592
Germany	2,652	115	.. 130	2,897
Sweden	575	.. —	.. —	575
Portugal	1,525	444	.. 465	2,434
Hong Kong	225	5	.. —	230
Spain	1,524	.. —	.. —	1,524
Norway	1,575	4	.. 5	1,584
Italy	2,427	.. —	.. —	2,427
China	100	58	.. —	158
Japan	1,100	1,702	.. 8	2,810
India	135	2,354	.. 9,357	11,846
Australia	280	.. —	.. 526	806
Cape of Good Hope	—	749	.. —	749
Argentine Republic	—	5,242	.. 44	5,286
Burmah	—	115	.. 602	717
Total foreign	25,918	.. 11,840	.. 16,156	48,905
Total coastwise	44,585	.. 6,561	.. 6,810	57,956
Grand total	70,499	.. 18,401	.. 17,965	106,865
Total for Jan., 1891	63,998	.. 16,058	.. 7,713	67,769
Total for Feb., 1890	41,967	.. 22,491	.. 30,186	94,644

HAVE YOU A PAIN ANYWHERE?—ALLCOCK'S PLASTER is the remedy.—ADVT.

HATS! HATS!! HATS!!!—Large arrival of Felts. Grand shapes and best value in the world Smith, 29, Wilson-street, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

For Trusts, Teapots, Knives, Forks, Spoons, and Electro Plate, &c., Poole's, Middlesbrough, is the best shop.—ADVT.

North Country News.

NEW STORY.—On Wednesday will be commenced in the columns of the *North-Eastern Daily Gazette* a New Story, entitled "A Heart's Bitterness," by the author of "Dora Thorne." The story is one of strong domestic interest; and the writer has very great descriptive powers.

S. Leach and Son, Pictures Frame Makers, Carvers, and Gilders. Zetland-rd., M'bro'.—ADVT.

A BOON TO MOTHERS.—Feeding Bottles complete for 2d. Close's Drug Stores, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

Last Days of Sale of Surplus Stock of Mantles, Dresses, Ready-Made Clothes, and General Drapery. Wright and Archibald's, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

ACCIDENT AT SPENNITHORNE.—On Saturday a little blind boy, son of Mr J. Myers, brick and tile maker, whilst playing with some other children, climbed up on to an outbuilding and fell down, fracturing his arm.

MONEY MARKET AND COMMERCE.—1,000 Boys' Suits, bought in for Cash, by Levy's, Bridge-street, at less than the price of making cost. Don't let your little ones go shabbily dressed. Come at once and see our Stock. A. Levy, Bridge-street West, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

GREAT STACK FIRE AT DURHAM.—On Saturday night a fire broke out in the stackyard of a farm near Newton Hall, Durham, and eleven stacks of corn and hay were destroyed. The damage is estimated at £800, and the loss is not covered by insurance.

ASSAULTING A BROTHER-IN-LAW NEAR CROOK.—At the Auckland Police Court to-day John Hill, Mount Pleasant, near Crook, was charged with assaulting his brother-in-law, James Holdsworth, on the 22nd.—A fine of £1 was imposed, defendant alleging that he was simply brought up through spite.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT DARLINGTON.—At the Durham Assizes on Saturday William Dodsworth, 51, marine store dealer, was charged with feloniously assaulting Frances Elizabeth Daisy, at Darlington, on January 19th. Mr Luck prosecuted, and Mr Scott Fox defended.—The prisoner was found not guilty, and was discharged.

AMBULANCE BRANCH FOR WILLINGTON.—A branch of the St. John Ambulance Association has been formed at Willington, consisting of 27 members, mainly composed of railway men. At the opening class, conducted by Dr. R. E. Brown, assistant with Dr. W. C. Allan, Willington, in the waiting room, Willington Station, yesterday, 26 students presented themselves.

GAME TRESPASS NEAR CROOK.—At the Auckland Police Court to-day George Kyle and John Hill, Mount Pleasant, near Crook, were fined 2s 6d each and costs for game trespass on the Hardley estate. Defendants denied that they were trespassing for game, "they were only looking for young cronies (rabbits)," a remark which created much laughter.—William Coglan, for game trespass at Howden-le-Wear, was fined £1 and 12s costs.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE STREET AT STOCKTON.—Shortly after noon to-day a man named Robert Farthing, about 50 years of age, was passing along the pavement at the east end of High-street, Stockton, when he was observed to stagger and fall to the ground. On assistance being rendered it was found that he was dead. Farthing, who was employed as a holder-up in a shipyard, and also kept a gingerbeer shop in Bone-street, had been ailing for some time past, and his death is attributed to heart disease.

ALDERMAN RICHARDSON AT AYCLIFFE.—In prosecution of his candidature for South-East Durham, Alderman Richardson held a meeting at Aycliffe on Saturday night, Mr Thomas Carry presiding. The candidate, in his address, said their Tory friends were now patting Mr Parnell on the back—a man to whom they would not speak before the case in the Divorce Court. Mr Gladstone took a stand in the matter and said he would have nothing to do with a man who had so far forgotten himself. Was the whole nation to suffer for the wrongs of one man? No. (Hear, hear.) With reference to the registration laws, he thought they were wrong altogether. (Hear, hear.) He knew some places where the appointment of assistant-overseer was made a political appointment. (That was wrong. (Hear, hear.) Then, again, the twelve months' occupation was far too long. (Hear, hear.) After quoting statistics illustrative of the working of the present system, Mr Richardson said he thought that the law ought to be simplified, and the time of occupation should be reduced to three months. (Applause.) Ground rents, the transfer of land, tithes, and publicans' compensation were also touched upon; and a vote of confidence in Alderman Richardson was unanimously adopted.

INQUESTS AT DARLINGTON.—Mr CORONER Settle held two inquests in Darlington on Saturday afternoon, touching the deaths of William Dobson (23), of 10, Wessoe-lane, on the 25th ult., and Hannah Emmerson (73), residing at 36, Easonroad, Darlington, and particulars of which have been previously published. The inquest on the former was held at the Rise Carr Hotel, and a verdict returned of "Death from peritonitis," in accordance with the medical evidence. Dr. Eastwood said it was an exceedingly rare case, a cancer of the largest size he had ever seen having formed in the stomach, while a large aperture in the stomach prevented its contents from being retained.—The second inquest was held later, at the Burns Hotel, Northgate. Mrs Lyall, daughter of the deceased, stated that she last attended her mother, who was 74 years old, in bed with rheumatism, at about 5.30 p.m. on the 27th ult. Twenty minutes after she went upstairs again, and saw the deceased kneeling at the bedside, and the whole hangings on fire. She ran for assistance to Mrs Laverick's, who on reaching the chamber threw a rug over the flames with the object of putting them out. She failed, however, and the smoke was so overpowering that she could stay no longer, and it was left for Mr Laverick and Mr Mountford to quench the fire. Deceased was burnt severely on the left arm, chest, and face, and must have been dead on the first alarm being raised.—A verdict of "Accidental death by burning" was returned.

This Day's Sporting.

NEWMARKET TRAINING NOTES.

Pine morning. On the Bury Side:

CHIPS.

Sunday schools are exempted from poor and other rates by an Act of the present reign.

Mushrooms generally consist of 90 per cent. of water, but, in spite of this, the balance of 10 per cent. is said to be more nutritious than bread.

The form of oath binding on the Mohammedan conscience is to make the Koran rest on the head while the oath is administered. But, if the Koran is skilfully held just above the head, the form is not valid.

The London and North-Western Railway system is calculated to run one mile and three-quarters every second, in one minute it does 104 miles, while all the year round it goes every four hours a distance equal to a girdle round the earth.

The Dean of Bristol is named Elliott, while the Bishop of the diocese is called Ellicott. When the latter was appointed, someone congratulated the Dean, but he sadly replied :—" I am afraid there is a little mistake. I am Ellicott without the 'c' (see)."

On Mr Lane-Fox's extensive property in Yorkshire the ancient custom still prevails of inserting in every lease a clause whereby the tenant is bound to walk a fatbound puppy and keep a gamecock for the squire's diversion. Although one part of this compact is more honoured in the breach than in the observance now, not a single farmer in the county would seek to evade the other condition.

Some years since a poor tailor by trade was tramping the Eastern Counties, and entering a tailor's shop in the town of Saffron Waldon, in which were seated nine workmen, he begged for alms. A collection was at once made, amounting to the sum of ninepence, which was immediately given to the weary traveller, who departed in joyous spirits, with the remark that "it takes nine tailors to make a man." One of the nine tailors is still living, and can vouch for the fact.

In the Boulevard Ménilmontant, Paris, there is living an old woman who has attained the age of 103 years. She was born at Berville-en-Caux, in the department of Seine-Inferieure, in 1788, and still retains her intelligence, though her rheumatism will not allow her to walk about. She eats, sleeps, and drinks well, and sometimes amuses herself by singing romantic old songs of a former age.

There are more ducks in the Chinese Empire, says an authority, than in all the world outside of it. They are kept by the Celestials on every farm, on the private roads, on the public roads, on the streets of cities, and on all the lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and brooks in the country. Every Chinese boat also contains a batch of them. There are innumerable hatching establishments all through the empire, many of which are said to turn out about 50,000 young ducks every year. Salted and smoked duck, and ducks' eggs, constitute two of the most common and important articles of diet in China.

There is at present a veritable epidemic of suicide at Copenhagen. Those who put an end to their lives are either young couples, who thus bring to a close an affection which is contrary to the wishes of their families, or writers or artists who kill themselves in despair at seeing their works not appreciated by the public. The melancholy poetry of the North has a most tragic effect. A curious detail is that the majority of these unhappy persons are Finlanders or Swedes. They escape, by committing suicide on Danish soil, the law of their own country, which gives the bodies of all who take their own lives to the dissecting-room of the medical schools.

Women reporters are not quite unknown in England, but their full development, as compared with their American sisters, has not yet arrived. The Transatlantic variety is never seen without a bag of candy, which she diligently consumes while occupied in taking notes of the proceedings. She is, however, described as being more businesslike in the matter of equipment than her male *confrère*, producing plenty of MS. paper and at least half a dozen pencils pointed at both ends whenever she attends a meeting, whereas the American gentlemen of the Press appear to be in the habit of penning their notes on odds and ends with a stubby pencil.

France is suffering almost as much as Germany from the overcrowding of the learned professions. Fifteen thousand school mistresses, 7,000 primary school mistresses, and 500 high-school instructors are looking in vain for employment. There are 27,000 French physicians—that is, about 6,000 or 7,000 more than there are in Germany, with its 10,000 more inhabitants. Paris has 800 apothecaries. Two thousand lawyers who have passed all preliminary examinations for a full practice cannot make livings in their profession. Civil and mining engineers are so numerous that hundreds of them are seeking eagerly petty positions in mines and factories.

We always knew that the Americans were fond of lords, and it now appears that they are equally devoted to armorial bearings. It is a simple taste, and can very easily be gratified, for the gentlemen who preside over Heraldic Colleges are industrious and accommodating, and know how to find illustrious ancestors in all sorts of unexpected quarters. But in New York the fashion seems to be bad for trade. In their anxiety to show their bars and gules, and their couchant or rampant belongings, to all the world, the free and independent citizens have their heraldic devices worked on the hangings of their windows, with the result that there is now very little demand for curtains among the wealthy inhabitants of the Empire City.

The late Major Bartlelot was educated at Rugby, where he is still remembered as the hero of one of the most delightful of schoolboy blunders. "What is the meaning of the word 'adage'?" was the question which was being asked by the master. Various shots were made of the usual wild description, when it came to young Bartlelot, who, without hesitation, replied, "A place to put cats into." Everyone laughed, and the master, who was as much mystified as the rest, called him up at the end of the lesson, and asked him what had put such an idea into his head. "Well, sir," said Bartlelot, looking very much injured, "doesn't it say in Shakespeare, 'Like the poor cat in the adage'?"

Apropos of the centenary of John Wesley's death, the *Methodist Times*—the organ of the "forward movement" in the Methodist camp—produces a twenty-four page Wesleyan supplement of great interest to Wesleyans and everyone else. It contains numerous portraits of the founder of Methodism at different ages, illustrations of incidents in his career, and other appropriate pictures. Among the literary contributions are a biographical sketch of Wesley, "A Century of Methodist Missions," the social Christianity of Wesley, statistics of Methodism, and Methodist secessions. A page of facsimiles of the handwriting of the Wesley family is an interesting feature. There is also reproduced a specimen of Wesley's shorthand. Both the Wesleys were shorthand writers, and many of the manuscripts left by them were in shorthand. A page is reproduced from one of the little duodecime volumes which Wesley left. The writing is exceedingly neat and close. Every turn is perfectly formed. A specimen of Charles Wesley's shorthand writing is also given. It is a page from the Book of Common Prayer, which he had copied out in a fortnight when he was seventy years of age. It is a marvel of neatness. The Wesleys wrote the Byrom system of shorthand—now little known.

An amusing story about Mr Barnum is related by Mr Gillman, of Boston. In 1849 the latter had just arrived in New York, bringing with him the first specimens of Californian gold. Great was the excitement; thousands were preparing to start for the new El Dorado, when Mr Barnum called on Mr Gillman and proposed that he should give a series of lectures on the subject in great public halls. Of course a fine nugget would be needed by way of illustration. Mr Barnum had, as he said, "a specimen lump" already prepared and weighing twenty-five ounces; but, unfortunately, Mr Gillman had never seen or heard of a "lump" that weighed more than seven ounces; but seven ounces would never do. "Why, sir!" exclaimed Mr Barnum, "every man who is going out expects to pick up rocks of it." A compromise, however, soon suggested itself. "Well, sir" (said the resourceful showman), "I'll tell you what we can do. You prepare a short lecture on the subject, to be delivered in my lecture-room — not over fifteen minutes long, better ten—and then be prepared to answer questions (they'll be sure to come thick and fast) about the different routes, the mining, wages, means, and cost of living; just how to do it, you understand. We will have a small table on the stage, with my twenty-five-ounce lump of gold on it. As you are talking you can handle it; just pass your hand over it now and then—and—and—I wouldn't have you tell a lie about it for anything, Mr Gillman—but if—you see—they get the idea that that's the kind of lumps they may find, a fortune's made, and we'll share it."

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

An age of progress.—When the baby begins to creep.

It looks funny, but a sinking fund is a means of raising a debt.

What word is pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it? Quick.

The rich man is never so happy as the happy one who is rich.

An eminent artist recently painted a snow-storm so naturally that he caught a bad cold by sitting near it with his coat off.

Mrs Brown: "You shouldn't wear your hat on one side." Little Johnnie: "Well, how could I wear it on both sides?"

Poet: "Conceive, if you can, of my horror, my dear madam, when yesterday my three-year-old Otto tore to fragments a poem I had just finished." "Why, I did not know the child could read yet."

"Ah, love, I would like to listen to you all night," said Clarence, as he rose to go. Six months after they were married he chanced to stop out fifteen minutes after his hour, and he had his desire gratified.

"Mamma, what's twins?" asked the smallest child. "I know," replied the elder one, before the mother could answer. "Twins is two babies just the same age; three babies are triplets, four are quadrupeds, and five are centipedes."

Young Parson: "Agnes, will you marry me?" Agnes: "I am very sorry, Mr Foster, but I can't. I'll tell you, though—you can marry me. Jack and I are going to announce our engagement at once, and we will call upon you next month."

Nineteenth Century Advice, and Not Before it was Wanted.—"Charlie, my boy, that was not the way to speak to your mother. Try to speak nicely to everyone—to the servant girl, to the errand boy, to the crossing sweeper, and, in time you may come to be polite even to your parents!"

First Artist: "I received a magnificent tribute to my skill the other day at the exhibition." Second Artist: "Indeed. What was it?" First Artist: "You know my picture, 'A Storm at Sea?' Well, a man and his wife were viewing it, and I overheard the fellow say: 'Come away, my dear, that picture makes me sick.'"

A Cabstand Clincher.—"Hallo, Bill! how precious white you look about the gills this morning," exclaimed a facetious cabby, addressing a brother whip who had recently signed the pledge. "Why, whatever made you go and turn yourself into a water-butt?" "Cos I knowed I should be the better able to hold the *rein*," was the curt but conclusive reply.

A learned Judge is very deaf, and not very long ago there was frequent applause during the hearing of a case. He silenced it several times, but after a while came an outburst louder than ever, and in great indignation he exclaimed, "These demonstrations are most unseemly. If they continue I shall have the court cleared at once." But the noise the Judge had heard was a peal of thunder.

CATCHING THE UNWARY.

Alfonse de Beriot: "You say you are superstitious, Miss Gushington, but would you dare to be married on Friday?" Miss Gushington: "What! next Friday? Why, dear Alfonse, you are so sudden and so unconventional." "You quite misunderstand me. I protest—I didn't propose——" "That's all right, Alfonse. You didn't propose as they usually do; but I like it just the same. Yes, dear, it shall be Friday." Alfonse swoons.

WHY THE GAS BILL WAS BIG.

Lady: "That gas bill is outrageous, and I shan't pay a cent of it until it is reduced one-half." Gas Officer: "My inspectors are very careful men, but when I saw your bill I immediately went to your house and examined the meter myself." "It was wrong, of course." "I found upon enquiry that the bill was all right. You have a lovely daughter, madam, and she is engaged, and you get sleepy about ten o'clock, and go up stairs, thinking she will follow in a few moments, just as your mother did when you were engaged, madam." "I—I guess it's all right. Here's the money."

"SET AT EIGHT."

He was only a little boy, and this was his first diary. It had been given him as a birthday present and was bound in a red cover with a highly-coloured picture adorning the front. Strict injunctions were issued as to *how* he should use it, and *where* he should write. Then he was left to himself. He meant to begin well and early, so he very carefully wrote "Got up at seven." Then according to instructions, he took it to his governess for approval. "Got up!" she screamed; "got up! You naughty boy! Does the sun get up? No it rises." Very neatly she scratched out the barbarous words and made him write, "Rose at seven." This settled master Tom; no more mistakes of the kind for him again. So on retiring for the night he wrote, with the air of a man who knew his business well, "Set at eight."

HOW IT IMPRESSED THEM.

They stood on the American shore and gazed in wonder-struck silence at the majesty and beauty of Niagara. The personification of feminine grace and of tenderness, she leaned confidently on the arm of her husband—her ideal of manly strength and chivalry. The glowing sunbeams danced in the spray that rose like fair mountains before their eyes, radiant with the gorgeous hues of the rainbow, and the falling waters sounded their eternal monotone in the ears of their listeners, whose hearts beat responsive to its deep pulsations. Nature's own voice spoke to them and stirred the profoundest depths of their being. The young husband pressed the little hand that lay confidingly on his arm and smiled on the sweet face upturned to his. "Gwendolen," he said, the rapture of his emotions thrilling his voice and shining out through his dark eyes, "does it stack up to your expectations?" "Lanncelot"—and her eyes seemed about to overflow with excess of pent-up feeling—"it's just the cutest thing I ever struck!"

CAUGHT.

Not long since the keeper of a grocery and provision store had a bag of flour taken from his door. It disappeared so mysteriously that he determined to keep quiet, and thought the thief might possible turn up. About a week after the occurrence one of the near neighbours, who was a river man, and had come on a trip, came blustering in, and, after exchanging the usual greeting, said: "Why, Mr Smith, I hear you have had a bag of flour stolen from your door. Have you found out the thief yet?" The grocer looked at his neighbour for a minute, and then replied, "Yes, I have found the thief. Would you like to know how I caught him?" Upon being answered in the affirmative, the grocer continued: "I will tell you. When the flour was taken I said nothing about it to anyone, merely to see who would first mention it to me. You are the first one who has spoken of it; and I must tell you that it is my private opinion, between you and me, that *you* are the thief. So, if you wish me to carry out my plan of secrecy, you had better fork over the amount in payment." The river man, though surprised and mortified at being caught by his own confession, reluctantly drew his purse, and handed over the amount asked for the flour without a word of denial.

DIGNITY OF THE COURT.

The following incident, which is vouched for as fact, is told of an American judge, who had a lofty idea of his own legal capacity, and was at the same time anxious to sustain the dignity of the court. A murder case came before him. There was no direct evidence as to the perpetrator of the crime, but the individual arrested was well known, and indeed confessed the crime. When brought into court, the judge cautioned the prisoner not to commit himself; that he must remember his rights as a free citizen; and that, above all, he must not interrupt the proceedings of the Court. After this friendly warning, the judge went on to state that he (the prisoner) was accused of having, on such a date, shot the deceased. Upon this the prisoner broke in, "Well, an' so I did." The judge was much annoyed at the interruption. "Hold your tongue, sir," he exclaimed. "Have I not told you not to commit yourself, nor to interrupt me! I shall commit you for contempt of court if you do so again," he added, sternly. He then repeated the accusation, upon which the prisoner again broke in, "I have told you afore that I killed——" The judge's indignation was intense at this second interruption, and he demanded, angrily, "Mr Sheriff, what is your evidence?" "I have nothing but circumstantial evidence, your Honour, and the prisoner's own confession." "Then," said the judge, "I discharge the prisoner on this accusation, but commit him for contempt of court."

DISASTROUS FIRE AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

£80,000 DAMAGE.

A FIREMAN INJURED.

One of the most serious and alarming fires that has ever occurred in West Hartlepool—which has had its full share of calamities of this kind of late—broke out on Saturday night in the shipbuilding yard of Messrs R. Irvine and Co., situate at the south end of the inner harbour at West Hartlepool. The alarm was given shortly after eleven o'clock, the exact time at which the call was received by the Fire Brigade being 11.24. In eight minutes afterwards Capt. Scott had his men and appliances upon the scene. The entire south end of the shipyard, however, was then one mass of fire, the flames shooting up to a great height and illuminating the sky for miles around. An immense crowd quickly assembled, and much excitement prevailed when the flames were observed to be rapidly spreading in the direction of the large new building recently erected by Messrs Irvine and Co., and occupied by them as offices. It was here that the brigade first directed its efforts, finding it useless to attempt to save the large portion of the works already in flames. Fortunately the offices thus escaped, but a substantial wooden structure 150 yards in length, which contained a large quantity of valuable machinary and plant used by the fitters, joiners, blacksmiths, painters, &c., was completely destroyed, together with a costly salvage plant employed by the firm in the raising and recovery of sunken vessels, and which alone was worth over £5,000. In trying to prevent the flames spreading to the steamer Lady Clare, which was in the graving dock attached to the ship yard, and the wooden supports of which had already got alight, one of the firemen J. Watt, accidentally fell into the dock, a distance of over 30ft. Happily his fall was broken by alighting on a plank, otherwise he must inevitably have been killed. As it was, his back was seriously injured, and he had to be conveyed home. It was several hours before the fire was completely subdued, the brigade continuing at work until nearly noon yesterday. The Hartlepool Fire Brigade and the North-Eastern Railway men also lent valuable assistance. It is not known how the fire was caused, but it is believed to have originated in the blacksmiths' or fitting shops. The damage, which is covered by insurance, is estimated at over £50,000. Unfortunately, owing to the disaster, a large number of workmen will be temporarily laid idle.

MURDER BY A DOMESTIC SERVANT.

Annie Marriott, a domestic servant, was arrested at Rotherham yesterday on a charge of murdering her illegitimate infant. The corpse was found in a garret beneath the bed. The throat had been cut, and a blood-stained razor was lying near.

A PLANTATION MALICIOUSLY FIRED.

Early on Saturday morning 150 acres of plantation on the estate of Mr Massey Dawson, of Ballinacourte, at the foot of the Galtee mountains, were totally destroyed by fire. That the fire was malicious was evident from the fact that when Mr Dawson's employees arrived they found that the plantation had been ignited in six different places.

THE BISHOP OF MIDDLESBROUGH ON RELIGION AND MORALITY.

Bishop Lacy, preaching in the Middlesbrough Cathedral yesterday, during the course of the sermon said an attempt was being made at the present time to disregard the teachings of religion on a serious question of morals. There could be no severance of religion and morals, for when a political question became also a question of morals there arose a matter of principle regarding which the teaching of the Church must be obeyed. No body of men ought to disobey the voice of the Church in such a case, or set at defiance the guidance and advice of a hierarchy. Whilst sympathy could be extended to a man who, after offending against the moral laws showed, sincere repentance, none could be shown to one who not only outraged the feelings by such an act, but made an ill-advised attempt to brazen it out.

THE BRADFORD CHIEF CONSTABLE AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The Watch Committee of Bradford on Saturday called upon the Chief Constable to explain his alleged stopping of a meeting in connection with the strike of the Manningham plush weavers in the Theatrical Buildings, and giving notice that they must not meet in open space without the special permission of the Mayor. The Chief Constable said that he merely warned the lessees that the Corporation bye-laws were being broken, and he interfered with street meetings because of the disturbance of the traffic. The committee declined to endorse his action, and were impressed upon him the necessity of non-interference with the liberty of public meeting. Twelve thousand people attended two meetings yesterday to protest against such interference.

DEATH OF A CONSERVATIVE M.P.

Mr George Kynoch, M.P. for Aston Manor, Birmingham, died at Johannesburg on Saturday, in his 52nd year. The deceased gentleman was returned in 1886 by a majority of 782 over Mr H. G. Reid, who won the seat in 1885 by 1,153 votes over Mr Yates (C). In 1888 Mr Kynoch severed his connection with the ammunition works at Witton, and left England for the Transvaal, where, it is stated, he had an interest in several gold mines. Since then he has remained abroad, and conducted business in Johannesburg as a general merchant. Some of his constituents wrote requesting him to return to his public duties, but without avail. About twelve months ago there was reason to believe that he was suffering from internal cancer, and for the past nine months he has been confined to his bed. He was a strong opponent of Home Rule, and once ordered ten thousand rifles and a large quantity of ammunition to enable Orangemen to defend themselves. The Conservatives and Liberal Unionists some time ago selected Captain Grice Hutchinson as their candidate, and the Liberals will support Mr Phipson Beale, Q.C. A meeting of the Conservative leaders was held at Aston on Saturday night, and it was decided that Captain Grice Hutchinson should issue his address immediately after Mr Kynoch's funeral, which will take place to-morrow. Mr Phipson Beale has telegraphed from London that he will arrive in Aston to-day.

MINERS' HOUSES AND RENTS.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—Under present arrangements between the Durham Miners' and Coalowners' Associations a percentage is stopped from the basis of every miner's wages, representing a minimum of 4s and a maximum of 6s 6d per house per man per week, with 1s for coals per week to each miner, and rates accordingly. An average of about 7s per man per week, single and married alike, is paid, so that you will see that the owners are pocketing a nice fortune every year from us. I know a large firm not 20 miles from Hetton that from this source alone are pocketing, on a rough calculation, £233 per week, or £11,116 per year, from single men alone, of which they have no right to a halfpenny. Again, if married men have to live in rented houses they have two rents to pay; the one is stopped on the basis of their wages, and the other they have to pay out of their own pockets to the landlord of whom they have the house taken. Of this the colliery owner will pay the sum of 2s per week, so that if the man is paying 3s 6d per week to the landlord of whom he has taken the house, by deducting the 2s that the coalowner has allowed from the 3s 6d, he has 1s 6d per week of that sum to add to the 7s already stopped from the basis of his wages. This makes the miner pay 8s 6d per week for rent. After receiving a fortune like this year by year, if a stoppage of work takes place, as in the case of Ashtonmarsh, he is turned with his wife and family to the door, to die of cold or hunger for anything they care. Now, fellow-workmen, I appeal to you all, for the sake of your wives and children whom we hold as dear as our own lives, let us awake from this awful lethargy, and let us claim our rights. Let us have our money paid into our pockets with a free competition for every miner's house that is not his own, and we shall be able to defy all the coalowners in the world to turn us to the door. This can be done, but only by lawful agitation and legislation, by sending our own representatives to Parliament, and only those who will pledge themselves to do all in their power to secure this end. I know of cases where men are charged 4s per week, while others, perhaps next door, paying rent out of their own pockets, pay from 1s 6d to 3s 6d per week for the same class of house. Now, Sir, I am quite aware that you may have some difficulty in accepting this statement, it looks so glaring, yet it is not more strange than true, as I have personal knowledge of several instances.

X. Y. Z., Hetton Downs.

EXTRACT FROM THE "CYCLIST," FEBRUARY 25TH, 1891.—"Hunter was at Diston yesterday with a suspension-tyred "Humber" Safety, with which he had been indulging in certain of his well-known mountaineering tricks during the week. The suspension tyre excited a vast amount of interest, and was subjected to innumerable experiments by quite a dozen men, amongst whom were G. L. Hillier, Swindon; Lieut. E. E. Tellis, Bolton Road Smith, and others. The verdicts, particularly as to the "life" of the tyre, were distinctly favourable, and though we took it fresh from the hand-pumped pneumatic, the difference was hardly noticeable. The thing is undoubtedly fast, reduces vibration in almost as great a degree as the air tyre, and will, if the suspension rim is warranted, quickly jump into general favour. G. M. Young, who leads the cycle trade in the North of England, exhibited the suspension tyre at the tyre discussion held at Stockton a few weeks ago—the first time out of London—and is expecting delivery of "Humber" Safeties fitted with this tyre in a few days. Cyclists are invited to inspect them at the depots—Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Darlington.—ADVT.

CHLORO-LINSEED Cough Lozenges, post free 7d. Of Chemists.—ADVT.

COAGULINE.—Cement for Broken Articles, 6d and 1s; postage, 2d. Sold everywhere.—ADVT.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XV.

RETRIBUTION.

At the old-fashioned bureau in the best room at Auchtermairnie sat the minister of Lochbroom, the flickering candle-light gleaming fitfully on his face, which wore an expression of perplexity almost amounting to bewilderment. It was about five o'clock in the morning. Susan Bethune and Jeanie Thomson, after having performed the last offices for the dead, had laid themselves down again to snatch an hour or two's repose. There was no need to watch any more by Peter Bethune now. Sandy had lain down, too, on the sofa in the kitchen; but, though he was no coward, he could not close his eyes and the dead so near. It is a strange mystery—the awe and dread with which mortal clay can fill the living—the bravest of us quail at the touch of the unseen. So the minister had been glad to escape from the kitchen, and now, in his absorbing interest in the papers before him, he had forgotten his natural shrinking.

It was the last will and testament of Peter Bethune, farmer in Auchtermairnie, and its contents were brief enough, yet wholly satisfactory to Sandy Bethune. For it made him sole and absolute heir to everything that had pertained to his dead uncle; and when he opened the bank-book lying in one of the pigeon-holes he started in surprise at the substantial balance lying to his account in the Commercial Bank at Leven.

It came within a few shillings of three thousand pounds, and, when the stock and crop and implements were sold, would make a very snug little fortune. And it was all his, left to him absolutely and entirely in the document before him, which nobody dared dispute. The minister of Lochbroom was not a mercenary man—that is, he had not Peter Bethune's love of gold for its own sake—but he was keenly alive to the influence and importance it could confer upon its possessor. As he sat there in the dim stillness of the early morning, new hopes and new ideas, new dreams sprang in his heart, dreams and hopes which had but one centre—Beatrice Lorraine. With what confidence could he ask her from her father now when he had something more than his meagre stipend to offer! His heart bounded, his pulses leaped at the thought. But there was Jamie, and his uncle's step-daughter down stairs—the old man's dying charge. Was it not as sacred and binding as any written words? He rose, pushed back his hair from his brow, and, walking over to the window, looked out upon the dawning day. Strange thoughts chased each other through his brain, his heart beat almost to suffocation, his brow reddened, his hand upon the window-sill trembled as if with age. Temptation had him in its fiercest thrall. With a deep, heavy sigh, which was almost a groan, he turned at length, and, stealing softly down stairs, went out of doors. It was a calm, quiet morning, with a strange grey stillness lying over all, as if the earth were weary after the beating of the storm. One long yellow line away to eastward gave promise of the wintry sunrise, the only break in the grey sheet of sky. He stood only a moment on the threshold, and then turned away through the stackyard, where the busy poultry were already enjoying their morning meal. The ground was wet and sodden and covered with the last autumn leaves which the night wind had whirled from the chestnut trees. They rustled under his feet as he walked, but he paid no heed; his own thoughts were all-absorbing. He cleaped his hands behind his back, and walked slowly, with his eyes bent on the ground, following unconsciously the pathway which led to the hedge-bound fields. The light broadened as he went, and the misty shadows began to rise from the uplands as the new day stole upon the earth. He stood still at length at a little stile, and, folding his arms on its mossy rail, looked about him curiously, almost as a stranger might look upon what was unfamiliar. Yet he knew every rood and pole, every stone and landmark for miles around; no scenery in the world would ever be more familiar than what was spread before him at that moment. It had a dreary and desolate look in the early morning light—the barren stubble fields; the potato fields, with only heaps of sodden tubers and the long, newly-filled "pits" to tell of what had been; the bare pasture lands, bleached and sodden with the rains; the swollen streams and leafless trees, all seemed to say, sadly and pitifully, that the reign of winter had begun. Yet there were some comforting things too in that wide prospect. Each homestead had its well-filled stackyard, and on the earlier lands the lea had its long regular furrows already upturned for winter wheat. He turned his face towards the Star, with his background of purple-brown moss, framed by the graceful peaks of the Lomonds. He could see the thatched roof of his father's house; how long it seemed since he had been wont to call it home! He could see the Knowe too, and could even discern some figures moving about the outbuildings—the ploughmen, probably, beginning the labour of another day. As is often the case in moments of strong feeling, he was keenly observant of every minute detail, even when his mind was fully occupied by something else. Alexander Bethune had a battle to fight that winter's day; a grand opportunity offered itself for him to obtain a signal victory over himself. But he did not face it yet. He preferred rather to hover about the temptation, to try and parley a little with an evil thought, picturing to himself all it would involve and all it would give, although assuring himself all the while that he would never do the wrong with which he was tempted. Still thinking, still picturing all the advantages which might be his if he allowed his uncle's will to stand, he began slowly to retrace his steps to the house. The inmates were now astir, Aunt Susan busying herself with the breakfast, and inclined to grumble because she had allowed the day to get so far ahead of her.

"Come away and get a bite, Sandy," she said, when she heard him come in. "I saw you away up the hill. It's nearly eight o'clock already. Will you stay till the funeral's over?"

"Yes; I'll go to Edinburgh to-morrow, and see about supply. I think I'll walk down to Leven this morning."

"Are you going to get anything from Leven? Your uncle wished that everything should be done as cheap as possible. Poor man, he bothered himself about money to the last."

"That's nonsense, Aunt Susan. He must have a proper funeral, and the minister testify. "I'll have to telegraph to Jamie too."

"Oh, I hope he can come, for I'm longing to see him," said Aunt Susan, with a tremor in her voice. "It'll require you both, for there'll be a deal to do."

"It is a pity Jamie had not been at home to step into Uncle Peter's shoes. It would have suited him very well, if only he could have brought himself to think it."

Aunt Susan shook her head.

"The lad knew his own mind best. The way farming is now, he's better where he is. But this will be a windfall for you, Sandy; poor uncle told me yesterday that you got all. But you'll remember Jamie and that poor woman in the house, any way."

"Of course, of course!" said the minister, hastily, and bent his head low over his cup, for the hot blood rushed to his face and dyed it red.

"I argued with him to be just with his wealth, but you might as well argue with a stone wall," said Aunt Susan, not noticing her nephew's slight confusion. "Well, everything comes to an end. And how are you getting on at Lochbroom? When are you going to bring your wife to the Manse? Jamie told me about her last time he was over."

"Jamie is too ready with his tongue, Aunt Susan," said the minister shortly. "It will be time enough for him for this to speak so sure when I am sure myself. I have never asked any woman to come to the Manse yet."

"Well, you needn't be so short, I wasn't asking an impudent question, Sandy," said the old woman, gruffly. "Are you going to Leven already? Lad, you're just like that mare of your uncle's—you can't rest a minute. One doesn't get much talk with you."

"I had better go and get everything ready, for if I don't get supply I'll be obliged to go home and come back in time for the funeral on Monday. I'll telegraph to Jamie at once and see if he can come."

So saying, Sandy put on his coat, took his hat and umbrella, and set out for Leven.

The message was duly sent, but the answer came back that it would be impossible for Jamie to come, as he was just starting for Inverness to report the proceedings of a Highland Convention, which was to last for two or three days. The minister failed in securing supply, and was obliged to go home next day, so Susan Bethune was left alone at Auchtermairnie over the Sabbath. But she kept Jeanie and the boy with her, and they were nothing loth to stay. On Monday forenoon Sandy returned, and followed his Uncle Peter's remains to the grave. He was the only near relative, for none of the old man's step-sons attended, though they were all within easy distance. They had always been at war, and would not put themselves about to pay any respect to him now. These things of course occasioned plenty of talk both in Windygates and the Star, and the Bethunes and their affairs at that time got an extra turn over. The sale would be the next excitement, followed by the entrance of a new tenant to Auchtermairnie. During the next few weeks the minister of Lochbroom had a busy time of it, running between Auchtermairnie and his own parish. Everybody agreed that he had been very generous to Jeanie Thomson; for he had made only given her everything that had been her mother's, but would her a present of ten pounds and all the things left in the house after Aunt Susan had taken away such as were valuable in her eyes because of their old associations.

All the while all this was going on, Jamie was working hard at Glasgow, and never giving a thought to his Uncle Peter's money or property. He was kept busy late and early, for the season had begun in Glasgow, and he had so many meetings to attend that he sometimes hardly knew how to manage them all. There was no holiday for him, he wrote his aunt, until winter was past, and then very little leisure for his own special work, yet time was far from being lost to him. His employers, speedily recognising in him a mind above the average, and being willing to help him as far as lay in their power, in return for his conscientious and unremitting attention to their business, made a point of sending him to all the best meetings, where he could hear men of culture and experience lecture or speak; and so a new and valuable field was opened up to him. Apart from his duties as a reporter, he was asked sometimes to contribute articles on social or literary topics for the weekly issue of the *Journal*, for which he was handsomely paid. Altogether it looked as if he had reached that tide in his affairs which, if taken at the flood, would lead him on to fortune.

Martinmas saw great changes at Auchtermairnie The sale was a great success, and brought in a clear thousand to the lucky minister of Lochbroom. There had been keen competition among the bidders, and the new tenant, a Kirkcaldy grocer, with plenty of means but little skill in farming, was made to pay very sweetly for what stock and implements he purchased. When it was all over, and everything turned into hard cash, Sandy wrote to his brother, telling him about his uncle's will, and offering to help him with some money, which he might regard as a loan if he liked. But Jamie wrote back as once, congratulating him upon his good fortune, and thanking him for his offer, which, however, he declined. His salary was sufficient for his needs, and he was saving money fast. In the last sentence he threw out a hint about Beatrice Lorraine, and expressed a hope that he would hear something definite concerning her at no distant date. It did not cost James Beth any sting to write in such a strain; for though he had been deeply interested in the woman Sandy had so long loved, it had been a strange distant kind of interest, which one might feel in some object dazzling and desirable, perhaps, but far out of reach. He looked back upon that evening spent at the Manse of St. Giles as a bright spot in his existence which he would never forget. The face of Beatrice Lorraine was engraven on his heart; he could recall every changing expression, every flash of light in the magnificent eyes, every sweet intonation of her voice; but he believed that when she became his brother's wife he should be able to regard her as a sister, whom it was a privilege and an honour to love with a brothers love. And so his memory of her was not disturbing element, but rather a great stayling thought, urging him on towards everything good.

Jamie's letter set the minister of Lochbroom a-thinking that December evening when it came. He had been so much from home of late that he had seen very little of the Lorraines. Was Sandy's love not deeply longer? He had no hope of ever being sure of her answer to the question which would make him a happy or a miserable man. No woman had ever so puzzled him before; her very indifference to him rendered her doubly desirable in his eyes. He was not altogether blind to the flattery and attention to which he had long been accustomed from other women made him inclined to believe that this one would not refuse.

As he sat there in the stillness, heart and mind filled with thoughts of her, there came to him a great yearning to look upon her face, to hear from her lips the words which would make for him weal or woe. There was no reason why he should not see her within that very hour; so he rose, and, following his own impulse, left the house, and turned along the now familiar Cleugh-road.

It was a bright, clear, frosty night, with a brilliant moon at its full. There were white caps on the Lanark hills, and the north wind was biting enough to hint at a promise of more snow. There were no leaves in the Nethercleugh woods now, and on the burn path it was almost as clear as day. But the minister of Lochbroom could have walked that way blindfolded, he knew every step by heart. He walked quickly, for the air was bitterly cold, and his whole appearance was that of a man who had an end in view. In little more than half an hour he stood on the stone steps of the house, ringing for admittance.

"Mr Lorraine is not at home, sir, but Miss Lorraine is," said the servant who answered his summons.

"I will see Miss Lorraine, if you please," he replied, abruptly; and the girl looked at him in slight surprise, missing the accustomed pleasant word which made him so popular with his parishioners.

"Very well, sir," she said, and shut the door, while he took off his hat and coat. Then she opened the library door and announced him by name. As he entered he heard the rustle of a silken robe, and in the dim firelight saw Beatrice Lorraine rise from her low chair on the hearth.

"How do you do, Mr Bethune? I am all alone and in darkness, you see," she said, and he fancied her voice a little unsteady. "Please let us have candles at once, Kitty," she added to the servant.

"Papa is not at home, Mr Bethune."

"But he will return to-night?"

"Yes, yes. Uncle John and Aunt Dora are at Lockerbie Manse, and papa has gone to dine with them. I was disappointed that I could not accompany him, but I have had a cold for some days, and papa would not allow me to go out," she answered, and as the maid lighted the candles in the silver sconces on the mantel, she averted her face a little, half shading it with her hand. The gesture caused the lace at her sleeves to fall back to the elbow, revealing the exquisite contour of the round white arm—the most beautiful arm the minister of Lochbroom had ever seen. The maid stirred up the fire and left the room, then a constrained silence fell upon its occupants.

"When did you hear from your brother? He is well, I hope?" said Beatrice at length; but still her eyes were averted, as if she could not meet his gaze.

"I do not hear from him very often, but I believe he is well; and I know he is very busy. He was always a plodder."

"He will succeed, I am sure. When will he pay a visit to Lochbroom?"

"I can't tell. He seems to have no time for anything but work. Life is hardly worth living at the price he pays for it."

"I would not say that. Work is a noble and ennobling thing. I sometimes wish I had not such an idle life. It is not easy to know just what is one's duty," she said, musingly, and her hand fell from her cheek, and then he saw traces of tears in the magnificent eyes; they moved him to the very depths.

"It is a quiet life you lead here, Miss Lorraine. Not many like you would be so content."

"It is easy to be content beside those we love, is it not?" she asked, with a swift, bright smile. "It is only at times I fret when I see what good others do while I live at ease here. Perhaps my opportunity will come some day; at present my duty is to my father, and nothing must interfere with it."

"Would you never leave him?"

"Not while he needs me," she answered, and her colour rose, for there was deep significance in his tone.

There was a moment's intense silence, then the minister rose to his feet. His face paled, his eyes shone, his lips trembled a little when he spoke.

"Then there would be no hope for any who might seek your love?" he said, almost hoarsely.

"Beatrice, I stand before you to-night an unworthy suppliant, with nothing but my love to recommend me. That is earnest and true, it will make or mar my life. What have you to say?"

She raised her hand almost in pleading, the red dyed her cheek, and then left it very pale; her voice fell almost to a whisper.

"Oh, hush! Do not say that; I cannot listen. I believe what you say, but it can never be."

"Because of your duty to your father?" he asked, taking a step nearer to where she stood in her great beauty, the woman for whose sake he had laid a sin upon his conscience, perhaps in vain.

"I could not leave him; but it is not that, I——"

"In other circumstances," he interrupted, with the painful, eager intensity of a man speaking of a vital matter. "If I walk—if I prove to you by years of devotion the sincerity and depth of my love—would there still be no hope?"

He was making her suffer keenly; to a sensitive, deep-feeling nature it is always a terrible thing to inflict pain upon another.

"It would be wrong—mankind—to mislead you," she said, hurriedly. "It could never be. I could never be worthy of the love you offer. I am deeply grateful, but I could never be your wife."

"Never?" he repeated, and there was a ring of despair in his voice. "Miss Lorraine, I have been but a weak, faulty, erring man. You would help me to a better life. Without you I dare not think of what the future will be. You have become a part of myself; I cannot give you up."

"Oh, hush! To-morrow you will regret these wild words. I cannot think that it does not hold many dearer interests," she said, and laid her white hand on the mantel as if seeking some support. "May I ask you to go now? I cannot bear any more."

In your decision final and unalterable, Miss Lorraine?" he asked, in a low voice, though his eyes still gleamed with passionate feeling.

"Yes, yes; final and unalterable," she answered, brokenly. "I am very sorry. Life is full of hard things, and we have all sorrow to endure. Forgive me if I have caused you pain; I would not do so willingly."

He spoke no word in reply, but, turning upon his heel, quitted the room and the house. That was a dark hour indeed for the minister of Lochbroom; the light of hope was quenched for ever in his heart. He had loved and lost, and was there not a grim justice in his p